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Johanna Mitchell, aged four, who suffered brain damage before birth because of a hospital mistake, has been ewarded damages totalling £220,760 with interest. She cannot walk, speak or learn sign

£192m extra aid for NCB

the tobacco factory complex where they are based and headed for the port of Jounieh 12 miles north of the capital. The Government has given an extra grant of £192m to the National Coal Board for the current financial year and may have to give it a further £80m to cover its losses Page 15 telephone at the heavily for-tified building the British had just left, saying that the former

Kohl at bay

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Sikh agitators halted most of sirike, enforced in many cases



More aid urged

The funding of citizens advice bureaux should be increased by fim, an independent review

Olympics open

The Yugoslav President per-formed the ecremonial opening of the fourteenth Winter Olympics at Sarajevo. Christopher Dean, the ice dancer, carried the flag for Britain

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British troops quit Beirut but Italy and France remain

• The 100-man British contingent to the Lebanon multinational peacekeeping force withdrew at short notice yesterday to a Royal Naval auxiliary offshore

• In the Commons, senior Conservatives pressed Sir Geoffrey Howe to take a diplomatic initiative in Lebanon to prevent more serious developments

Following President Reagan's directive.

the LSS battleship New Jersey bombarded Muslim positions in the hills behind Beirut with more than 100 salvoes

terranean on board three Ame-

rican helicopters.

The final decision to with-

draw the 100-strong contingent

from Lebanon was apparently

made in London on Tuesday

night after President Reagan

had let it be known that he was pulling the Marines out of

Orders went out immediately to Licutenant Colonel Peter Wooley to abandon his head-

quarters in the suburb of

Hadeth to Lebanese troops. At

11.30 yesterday morning, the 16/5th Queen's Royal Lancers

drove their Ferret armoured

vehicles, jeeps and trucks out of

A few minutes afterwards, a

base was under heavy shellfire.

surrounded the sudden British

Some Orwellian language

intention to withdraw their troops just yet. They both want the UN to take over (page

• The Soviet Union is sending Mr Geidar Aliyev, one of the most dynamic Politburo members, to Damascus to capitalize on American discomfiture (page 6)

• The Israeli Cabinet was summ emergency session to review the situation. No decisions were made and the ministers reconvene on Sunday (page 6)

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

With scarcely any warning Hadeth. One British official territory 16 miles away on the and without making any arrangements for the evacuation even claimed that the Lebanese Government had asked the of British residents from Beirut, troops to redeploy.

Britain withdrew its tiny mili-The fact is that the British tary contingent of the multinacontingent to the multinational force from Lebanon nese army, and then flying its men out to the Royal Fleet to arrive in Lebanon and it has Auxiliary Reliant in the Medinow become the first to leave.

had yet come from Washington

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to start a withdrawal to Sixth Fleet ships. But Marines at Beirut airport were seen open-ing large containers, apparently preparing to store equipment before loading it on boats at the Marine landing base on the Mediterranean. It would take between three and five days to evacuate all 1,500 Marines from Beirut, most of them by boat from the beaches south of the city and the remainder guarding the British embassy by helicopter.

Amid the continuing chaos of Lebanon, the British with-drawal was, of course, hardly Lebanese soldier answered the noticed here. Artillery battles between Muslim militias and Phalangist and Christian government troops along the hours the American battleship New Jersey steamed up and

slopes to the Bekaa Valley.

Muslim troops of the Lebanese army's Sixth Brigade, including its Shia Muslim

commanding officer, force pulled down the Union nounced yesterday that they flag over their headquarters at were defecting to the side of the short notice yesterday with militias, while throughout west posterday, handing over its flag over their headquarters at hours notice to pro-Gemayel units of the fragmented Lebaunits of the fragmented Lebaof their intention to leave. The hoursed yesterday with several Marine officers unaware units, snipers continued to operate in three separate resi-

President Gemayel, reported stunned by President Reagan's At the American marine base, decision to withdraw the a spokesman said that no orders Marines to the Sixth Fleet – the word "redeploy" has carried no weight here - remained silent for the third consecutive day, confined for some of the time to the shellproof bunker beneath

his pulace at Baabda.

Many of the thousand or so British residents in Lebanon live in west Beirut and so far they have been given no advice by the Embassy to evacuate the city. The British troops at Hadath - who were on the wrong side of the front line from the west of the city would have been of little use in such an operation, should it prove necessary.

British residents here are well used to the familiar dangers of shellfire and gunmen, but in two days, the Embassy, all of whose telephone lines have now failed, has done no more than tell British citizens to keep "a low profile" and remain indoors whenever possible - not the old Beirut front line went on for advide perhaps best suited in a much of the day and for six country on the point of hours the American battleship destroying itself in civil war. In fact, a few British troops

"redeployment to an off-shore down the storm-flurashed waves situation" as if the British off the capital, firing more than troops were soon going to return to peacekeeping duties in inch guns into Syrian occupied

In fact, a few British froops are stiff in Lebanon, guarding the armoured vehicles and jeeps to inch guns into Syrian occupied

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Reagan steps up strategy of naval bombardment

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan's policy of stepping up bombardment of Syrian-backed positions, with increased naval and air fire, began yesterday morning when the battleship New Jersey opened up on targets firing on the American Ambassador's residence in east Beirut.

Once the 1,500 Marines are off Lebanon soil, the United States will feel free to continue the attaacks, so long as President Gemayel slings to power. The first 500 Marines will be

out of Beirut within 30 days and the remainder will be withdrawn "depending on the situation on the ground". Mr Casper Weinberger, the Defence secretary, will submit a detailed plan to President Reagan today or tomorrow.

Having ordered the Marines to the haven of naval ships close to the coast, Mr Reagan has presented the real possibility of stepping up military action in support of Mr Gemayel's embattled government. Many Administration officials believe, however, that he may not survive long enough for that to

Under the new rules of engagement. US troops can return fire if Beirut is under attack - an assertive military role compared with current rules limiting action to the defence of the multinational

It puts America squarely on the side of President Gemayel



Mr Weinberger: Detailed plan for withdrawal

while he attempts to fulfil his pledge to form a government of reconciliation. It is the first time that the Administration has had to reverse so decisively one of its key foreign policies.

The new battle orders were announced by Mr Reagan in a written statement to reporters Magu naval air station near Barbara, California, Santa where the President was beginning what is intended to be a five-day holiday.

His absence from Washington has been severely criticized by Democrats. Some of his own senior aides counselled against staying away, but he has proved typically strong-willed about his holiday time. For such a sweeping policy

statement, it was unusual for both,

the President not to appear in person, or on television. Less than a week ago, he said: "If we get out, that means the end of Lebanon...the end of any ability on our part to bring about an overall peace in the Middle East ... a pretty disas-trous result for us worldwide."

According to Mr Reagan, President Gemayel actually asked for the withdrawal of the Marines to ships offshore. Some Administration officials suggested, however, that the plan was sold to Mr Gemayel because it offered him the

critical artillery support he felt Mr Reagan's new approach was prepared and agreed last week - before the Lebanon Cabinet resigned - out of the

belief that the Marines were serving no useful military or political purpose. Announcing that America could fire on Syrian-held pos-itions to defend Mr Gemayel's sagging army, he said: "Those who conduct these attacks will no longer have sanctuary from

which to bombard Beirut at will. We will stand firm to deter those who seek to influence Lebanon's future by intimi-There were signs of relief in Congress yesterday. The two parties are glad to be rid of the

immediate issue of the Marine presence, which represented an accute political problem for



Howe urged to take diplomatic initiative

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Senior Conservative MPs yesterday pressed Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, to take the diplomatic initiative on Lebanon, after Commons statement on the withdrawal of the British contingent from

But Sir Geoffrey, who said that there was no immediate prospect of a return of the troops from HMS Reliant, told the House. "In the last resort, country who can find their own

He also told one of his own backbenchers that it was precisely because of anxiety that there should be no bloodbath and slaughter in Beirut that the Government had agreed to contribute to the multinational force.

Nevertheless, the vacuum left by the withdrawal and the e of British credibility and influence were repeatedly and forcefully emphasized. Mr Francis Pym, the forme

Foreign Secretary, and Mr Edward du Cann, chairman of the backbench 1922 Committee, both asked about alternative government policy. Mr Pym said, "It is vital now that a major diplomatic effort is put in train to try to prevent any more serioux events taking

Mr du Cann demanded: "What policies are we now going to adopt? What initiatives are we going to take, either in conjunction with our allies or through the United Nations?"

Further to the right of the party, Mr Julian Amery (Brighton, Pavilion) and Mr Griffiths (Bury Edmunds) warned of the threat Western credibility and influence in the Middle East after the withdrawal. The Foreign Secretary said that it was important that there should be no erosion of western

influence. He also appeared to endorse the repeated suggestion from his own side that the American element of the multinational force had been too partisan in its actions.

Mr Denis Healey, who welcomed the belated with-drawal, said the decision represented the collapse of US policy, yet President Reagan threatened even wider and more indiscriminate intervention.

Safety of **GCHQ** by ban'

By Philip Webster Political Reporter

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, firmly refused to give ground yesterday to both Conservative and Labour critics of the Government's decision to ban trade union membership at the communications headquarters at Cheltenham.

During more than two hours of intense questioning from the Commons Select Committee on Employment he repeatedly emphasized that the approach taken by the Government towards ensuring freedom from disruption at the GCHQ, and preventing staff from being subject to pressures to take part in industrial action, was the only way of meeting its full objectives and the "safest and surest" way of doing so.

Although there was to be a further meeting with the unions, and there would be no purpose in having it "if our minds were totally and irrevocably closed" Sir Geoffrey said it would be very difficult to dislodge the Government from its present

Members of the committee detected no hints from his uncompromising performance that he had any intention of changing his stance.

The Foreign Secretary revealed that during the day of action in March, 1981, parts of GCHQ were "virtually shut down" and that in 1980 informal attempts were made to get a no-strike or no-disruption agreement at GCHQ.

He added that proposals for action along the lines taken by the Government were considered by ministers, including Lord Carrington, then the Foreign Secretary, in 1981 and 1982. The Times reported on Monday that Lord Carrington had no recollection of any such proposal.

Yesterday's hearing opened with allegations from Mr John Gorat, Conservative MP for Hendon North, that Conservative MPs were being "nobled" by Government business managers seekig to manipulate the

Mr Gorst was angry about the decision of the Foreign Office to ban Mr Jack Hart, the leading union official at GCHQ, from giving evidence and which he alleged was interference by Government

ment on the allegation of Government pressure but defended the ban on Mr Hart, which also covers Mr Peter Marychurch, the director of GCHO.

Sir Geoffrey, and Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Employment, who also gave evidence, were adamant through out that the Government's action was not part of a wider campaign to introduce similar measures outside the field of security and intelligence.

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Cancer 'key' found in cells

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

Scientists have made one of the most significant advances in recent years in understanding haw cancer is caused. A new discovery, announced yester-day, is likely to influence cancer research internationally, though immediate clinical ap-plications are discounted.

A team led by the Imperial Cancer Fund in London in collaboration with scientists in Israel and the United States, has found a new link between hormone-like substances called growth factors, which are necessary for normal cell growth and cancer producing genes, known as oncogenes. The team's findings are

published in today's issue of the scientific journal, Nature. An editorial in the magazine says the research is "as dramatic as it will be important for research on normal and abnormal growth of cells" and leap forward in understanding

the basis of cancer". The discovery was described yesterday as "very significant" by the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, which is usually very cautious in its comments. "The implications for new basic research studies are research studies are enormous", according to the ICRF scientists.

Growth factors are small proteins which act as "keys" to turn on the normal growth of cells by fitting into "locks" on the surface of cells. Different types of cells, such as brain or liver cells, can have different sets of locks and keys to control

their growth. The new research suggests that a virus may be able to bypass the need for a key and can deliver a continuous message to grow with unlimited

It suggests that a defective "look" is part of the mechan-ism whereby an animal virus can produce leukaemia in chickens.

The discovery is direct consequence of advances made by the same ICRF team last July, which focused attention on the relationship between oncogenes and caper. The team has been led by Dr Michael Waterfield, head of the molecu-

lar biology department.
The ICRF considered the work important enouh to invest £500.000 last Abril into an oncogene research laboratory.

Yesterday Dr Waterfield, aced 42, was in Israel where be discussed the findings with scientists at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot, particularly De Hoseph Schlessinger, the chief Israeli collaborator in the research. He has decided to avoid personal publicity followinf publication of the re-

A spokesmanfor the Weizmann Institute said: "The discovery is seen here as very Continued on back page, col 6

TV-am's future hangs on acceptance of job cuts

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

breakfast television station TV- be the first commercial teleam now hangs on last-ditch talks with the journalists' and technicians' unions over up to 60 redundancies.

three-and-a-half-hour meeting of the company's board yesterday decided that a £2m rescue package will not go ahead without the redunwhich have been rejected by the National Union of Journalists and the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians.

Police Constable Michael Earl,

from the near by village of

Acton Turville, a close friend for many years, and Trumpeter Sergeant Alan Webb, of the

After the half-hour service

the coffin was carried to the

adjoining churchyard. It was

draped with the Duke's per-

sonal standard while a similar

flag fluttered at half-mast

Royal Gloucester Hussars.

The future of the commercial from last week, seems certain to vision station to go into liquidation.

Talks between representa-tives of the NUJ, which has been asked for 20 redundancies. and the ACTAT, which has rejected a request for 40 job cuts, resumed last night and were due to continue today.

There was some optimism that a settlement may be reached with the NUJ involving 15 unfilled journalistic posts. but the rift with the ACTAT, which is due to meet tomorrow is thought to be more serious.

Without the money the company, which has already told union officials that it Behind the scenes, page 2 cannot guarantee staff wages

Queen among mourners for Duke of Beaufort

The Queen and other members of the Royal Family led hundreds of mourners at a funeral service at Badminton vesterday for the Dake of Beaufort. The service for the tenth

Duke, who died on Sunday aged 83, was marked by its lack of ceremony. Members of the Royal Family stood alongside huntsmen and estate workers at the graveside as he was laid to rest in a tiny churchyard after the parish church service.

The Queen and the Queen Mother went forward to comfort the frail, Dowager Duchess, aged 87, as she left the graveside on the arm of the new Duke, David Somerset, aged 55, 2 London art dealer. The village of Badminton

House. Only the baying of the

Beaufort Hunt broke the silence at the start of the conducted by the was in mourning and more than chaplain, the rev 250 crowded the tiny church of St Michael and All Saints, At the Duke's request the which adjoins Badminton service consisted only of three

of his favourite hymns and the



The Queen, the Princess of Wales, and Princess Michael of Kent mourning the Duke of Beaufort yesterday

friends were present. In spite of his many military connexions, there were no uniforms inside the church,



The main functal party was led by the Dowager Duchess on the arm of Mr Somerset, second consin to the Duke. The Queen and the Queen

above the main house.

Mother were followed by the Prince and Princess of Wales, 121st psalm, There was no address. It was also at his Princess Anne and Captain request that so many of his Mark Phillips. All the Royal estate workers, tenants and Family were dressed in black, the Queen in a long black coat and black leather boots, the Princess of Wales with a widebrimmed stiff hat, three-quar-

ter length coat and matching skirt, and Princess Anne with a black cap in a hunting style. Also in the royal party were the Duke and Duchess of Kent

and Prince and Princess Michael of Kent. As the trumpeter played Reveille, the Duke was buried alongside bis parents and grandparents. The Dowager Duchess then walked forward a few paces to stand alone as the Last Post was sounded.

Seconds later the Queen and

Queen Mother went forward to comfort her Outside the church more than 300 mourners were in a marquee to hear the service relayed by loudspeaker. To them and all the villagers the Duke was affectionately known as Master because of his long association with hunting.

Memorial services will be held in Bristol, Gloucester and

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Of course, there's still the



£100m drive to automate post offices but some to close

this will take place in parallel with a closure programme which could affect 1,000 outlets.

Mr Ronald Dearing, chairman of the corporation, outlining details of the plans yesterday denied that there was any "hit list" and emphasized that no decision has been made on the number to be closed. That would depend on local conditions, he claimed. The most vulnerable will be in the innercity areas where mobility of population away from city centres has left a greater density of urban post offices.

But we intend the change to be assured of 95 per cent of the network for the next three years, within a framework of action to reduce costs and win new business. There will be no departure from existing criteria for the provision of post offices," Mr Dearing said.

The 5 per cent of the 22,000 Post Office network not assured by the chairman amounts to about 1,200 offices. The corporation has completed a study which showed that 1,600 of the 9,533 town sub-postoffices could be considers for closure. About 269 main offices are believed to be marginal in their commercial performance with 172 making a loss.

The corporation is confident

More than £100m is to be gramme will attract new counspent by the Post Office in the ter business particularly banks next decade on automating its and building societies. Between counters in 9,000 offices but 20-30 leading financial intitu-this will take place in parallel tions are in discussions with the Post Office about using counter services which provide about £500m revenue each year.

A second programme for refurbishment will run over the next three years at a cost of £25m. That will be directed at the main offices.

The first stage of the auto-

mation programme will cost £20m and will involve installing electronic equipment in 1,200 post offices beginning at the end of the year. This programme will include installation of automatic teller machines for the customers of Girobank and be gradual and customers can other banking and financial institutions

A total of 15,000 post offices will eventually be automated.



Mr Ronald Dearing:

Productivity before pay, rail unions told By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

British Rail's three unions and introduction of the "trainhave been told there must be man concept", which opens up agreement on outstanding is a promotion structure to allow sues in the long-running pro- guards to become drivers. ductivity saga before there can pay increase, which is due from

A meeting is to be held shortly between British Rail and leaders of the three unions to discuss elements of the sixpoint productivity plan still not resolved after more than four

vears of negotiations. British Rail is insisting on union agreement to the pro-985 as planned.

Areas in which it wants guards. agreement include one-man casing of conditions for single manning of passenger trains, in hours.

rights for British

The Government of the Irish

Mr Bob Reid, British Rail's be any discussions on an annual chairman, has painted an optimistic picture of the industry's future but he has made it clear that the unions will have to agree to job losses of up to 20,000 over three years.

There is agreement from train drivers on flexible rostering and one-man operation of the trains on the Bedford-St Pancras commuter line and British Rail is satisfied with the ductivity items because they are development of the open central to its going into profit by station experiment under which tickets are checked on trains by

The unions have submitted operation of freight trains, the claims for a "substantial" pay rise from April and a reduction

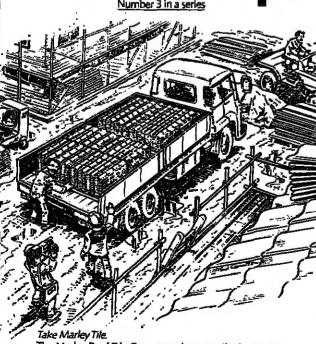
Irish referendum | Planned M1 link will be dual carriageway

Republic proposes to hold a referendum in June to alter the constitution to allow 25,000 for all 45 miles after forecasts of resident British citizens full voting rights voting rights industrial Midlands and East
The decision was made after Coast ports. MPs were told

the Supreme Court in Dublin decided yesterday that a Bill built between 1986 and 1989, to passed by the Dail and Senate cost just over £100m

The MI-Al link; still subject

Video comes out on top.



The Marley Roof Tile Company, always on the lookout for ways to improve their service still further, have just commissioned a complete video production and editing suite for their HQ in Sevenoaks, Kent With their new system, Marley can provide themselves with all the in-house training films on roofing techniques, safety procedures and new roofing products they might ever need. But, just to make sure they're always on top of the latest developments, they have a 'constant update'

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Cold comfort on a fenland farm: Mr Roger Juggins, Conservative chairman in Hantingdon, and Mrs Emily Blatch, Conservative leader of Cambridgeshire County Council (Photograph: Brian Harris)

Fenland's frugal Tories rail at 'big spender' stigma

By Patricia Clough

In the flat, thrifty Fens, on windswept farms and in the country towns of Cambridgeshire, Conserva-tives are smarting at the injustice of the world, and of their own government in

For 10 years, they say, they have practised the kind of careful Tory housekeeping that the Government wants from all local authorities, while neighbouring Labour-run councils con-

tinued to spend. Yet for their pains, they get multi-pound penalties, the stigma of "over-spenders" and now the threat of rate

spenders" and now the threat of rate capping.

Last month, their long pent-up indignation exploded, with the revolt in the Commons by Mr Francis Pym and two other Cambridgeshire Tory MPs over the rate capping Bill.

Fleet Street

men may

rejoin union

By Barrie Clement

Labour Reporter

The rebel Fleet Street elec-

tricians have agreed in principle

to return to the Electrical,

Electronic. Telecommunication.

and Plumbing Union provided

a 20-year ban on their leader,

Mr Scan Geraghty, is lifted and: other conditions are met.

Mr Geraghty was barred from holding office in the electricians' union after leading a

breakaway group of electricians,

once numbered at 800, into the

The electricians' union have

said that they would waive

who have not been paying

subscriptions, could pay arrears

ever, the union indicated yesterday that there was no

constitutional means by which

The executive will discuss the

The Sogat electricians had

recognized.
The TUC had ordered Sogat

expelled from the labour move-

station TV-am, which was

facing the worst financial crisis

in its bistory last night, was

pinning its hopes on reducing

its operating costs by reducing

the staff involved in one of the

most complex production exer-cises in British broadcasting.

has no big organization to back its efforts. The company has

been putting out three hours of

broadcasting each weekday and

five hours at weekends, work-

ing to a hectic 24-hour schedule

of news. news features, magazine sections, children's pro-grammes and sport, all on a

The weekday production cycle begins at 9.30 am with an

editorial planning meeting five

minutes after the day's programme has ended. Most

senior staff attend the meeting

and go through the planned

elements of the next day's programme. The newsroom

spends the morning working on

news features.
At 10 am the four regional

crews in Manchester, Glasgow,

Unlike its BBC rival, TV-am

position at its monthly meeting

benefit with the union.

and retain all benefits. How-

print union Sogat '82.

Cambridgshire has no big towns, no real poverty, no major ethnic or social problems. Unemployment is well below the national average, high-tech firms are springing up around Cambridge, Peterborough is rapidly developing as a new town, the ports of Harwich and Felixstowe are thriving on proving FEC. Felixstowe are thriving on growing EEC trade, and the population is fast

There is a tradition, especially towards the poorer Fen country in the east, of Independent-ma local government and a frugality which the Tories themselves admit is hard to beat. Even Mr Robert James, the leader of the Conservatives in the county council, says' "I don't like too much politics." Four of the five Conservaive MPs (the county's sixth is a Liberal) have safe

majorities. The result, for the past 10 years, has

Crime rate

reduced

in London

By Stewart Tendler

Crime Reporter

Serious recorded crime in

London fell by 4 per cent last

year, the first drop since 1979,

and the police clear-up rate rose by 25 per cent after several

The figures were issued

vesterday by Scotland Yard at a

press conference to mark the end of Sir Kenneth Newman's

first year as Metropolitan Police

Commissioner and to launch

the next phase of his policing

The figures show that the

in 1982. Almost every category of serious crime showed a

by 5 per cent, burglary by 4 per

burglary and autocrime together

represented 54 per cent of all

serious crime in the capital.

Robbery and violent theft fell

years of stagnation.

strategy in 1984.

reduction in 1983.

certain rules so that members crimes in London last year was who have not been paying 659,000 compared with 688,000

the ban on Mr Geraghty could cent and autocrime by 9 per be removed until he was back in cent. Sir Kenneth said that

been a Conservative-run county council ied by Mrs Emily Blatch, which set itself the goal of radically reforming and reducing public spending.

"We had management consultants in" she told The Times. They asked us what we were really there for, what tasks we should do and what could be done more cheaply by others. We saved money by buying, for instance, legal and architectural services rather than having our own. We have privatized services such as school cleaning.

"We reduced our top management by 20 per cent and saved about £200,000 a year as a result. We have been cutting the bureaucracy to a purposeful minimum, assessint performances, trying to get better services - for example more home help - for the same This policy backfired when the

their release.

Government brought in its system of spending targets and penalties to curb high-spending authorities. The targets were based on the authorities' levels in 1978-79 – when Cambridgeshire some-what foolishly, Mrs Blatch admits, had undershot its own self-imposed limits by £4m.

Consequently, Cambridge's target was set low - lower even than the Government's own assessment of its needs - While those of the councils which had ignored the Government and refused to cut back were set higher. Now, Mrs Blatch says, the county council sees itself obliged to spend above its targets to keep the necessary minimum of services going.

For the ratepayers, this will mean an increase of 10 per cent on the rates, 5.6

per cent of which is needed simply to

Kashmir front men released

By Craig Seton ham an hour before a judge was Friday. He was shot twice, in

application by the front for a

writ of habeas corpus to secure

West Midlands police yesterday released two prominent due to resume a postponed officials of the Kashmir Liber- hearing in London of an ation Front, one of them the organization's leader in Pakisian, after detaining them for three days in connexion with inquiries into the kidnapping and murder of Mr Ravindra Mhatre, the Indian diplomat in

national chairman of the front in Pakistan Kashmir, who was jailed in Pakisian for hijacking an Indian airliner 14 years ago, and Mr Aman Uhlia Khan, British president of the front, from Luton, left West Midlands Birmingham, was bundled into police headquarters in Birming- a car by at least three Asians last

turned to Luton and protested their innocence, claiming that the police had kept information Birmingham. Mr Hashim about Mr Mhatre's death from Querashi. them until Tuesday night - two days after his body was found in a farm drive near Hinckley,

Mr Mhatre, aged 48, an assistant commissioner at the Indian High Commission in

the chest and head, with a hand gun before being dumped on Sunday.

A previously unknown group, calling itself the Kashmir Liberation Army, claimed to Both men immediately rehave kidnapped him and demanded £1m and the release of Kashmir "political pris-oners" held in India. Mr Quershai said after his

release yesterday that while being held in Birmingham two detectives form the Indian CID had questioned him and claimed that he had been warned he would be handed over to the Indian authorities.

criticized for 'gag' on GCHQ

Thatcher

By David Felton Labour Correspondent

The TUC is organizing protest railies in support of staff at the Government Communications Headquarters who are faced with dismissal if they refuse to resign union membership. Union officials are determined to cause the Government maximum embarrassment.

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The controversy over the ban on two union officials from Cheltenham giving evidence to yesterday's Commons Select Committee on Employment continued outside Parliament with the unions claiming that Mrs Margaret Thatcher was personally responsible for their

Mr Jack Hart, chairman of the Civil Service unions at GCHQ, said be had been told by a management official at Cheltenham that the order preventing his appearance before MPs had come from the Prime Minister.

Mr Hart, who was due to be accompanied by Mr Peter Bryant, the secretary of the unions at GCHQ, said: "I was flabbergasted, particularly as it was Mir Edward du Cann, Conservative MP for Taunton, who made the suggestion in the first place that I should go to the select committee."

Civil servants in Mauchster threatened to strike on February 28 to coincide with the national day of protest being organized throughout the Civil Service. About 7,000 white collar staff could be affected.

Mr Len Murray, TUC general secretary, will address a mass meeting of the Chelten-ham staff in the town next Tuesday. On Thursday a raily at TUC headquarters, to which executives of all eight unions in the Civil Service have been invited, will aim to maintain public interest in the campaign of opposition to the ban.

Union officials believe that the promised second meeting with Mrs Thatcher may not be held until late next week, particularly as the select committee report on the controversy is unlikely to be pub-lished before next Wednesday.

A meeting yesterday of the TUC's finance and general purposes committee, reaffirmed its support for the Civil Service unions. A statement said: "Recent events have demonstrated the utter lack of any justification for the Government's present stance." A lobby of Parliament is to be held on February 23. This

week union leaders are touring the country addressing meetings at the eight out-stations linked to the Cheltenham base. Sale room

Woman dies as high winds lash South

. . By Rupert Morris

several people were injured when some of the flercest gusts of wind recorded for 10 years in London and the South blew roofs off houses, brought down telephone wires and left fallen trees blocking roads. Miss Indira Chadra, aged 32,

next Monday. Any return will have to be approved by the breakaway" branch and a unacceptably high but the unacceptably high but the reduction was "grounds for cautious optimism". Brixton threatened disruption of national newspapers if their negotiating rights were not The clear-up rate. based on

the number of people arrested The TUC had ordered Sogat and admissions of offences, had '82 to withdraw membership cards from the rebels or be burglary investigations there increased by 2.5 per cent. In dents, including one in Newing-burglary investigations there ion. Kent, when two young had been a rise in clear-up rates brothers. Stephen and Trevor from 8 per cent to 9 per cent. Bond, aged five and three, had 24 hours behind the scenes at TV-am

A woman died yesterday and to be rescued from rubble. They were taken to hospital.

a pattern cutter, was killed when a chimney stack fell through the roof of her hime in Rita Road, Lambeth, south London, in the early morning when she was asleep. Chimney stacks were dis-

lodged in several similar inci-

At Lavender Hill, in Battersea, south London, a falling stack brought the roof crashing into a bedroom from which a mother and two young children had moved only two days previously. If I had not moved the beds, we would be dead now", Mrs Adrianna Boustena

An ambulance driver in south London described the wind as "a mini-typhoon", and said that he saw trees, bus shelters and even a three-piece suite being blown down the

The station's journalists,

The company has also asked

for a reduction of 40 among

technical staff, partly through a reduction in the four London

in the total staffing level.

That helps to explain the disparity between many of the estimates and the prices paid by private bidders at yesterday's sale. A notable example was Jan Matejko's "After the Duel" of

1881, which sold for £12,320 against an estimate of £1,000 to £1,500. Then there was Karl Stuhl-muller's Munich School "On the way to market", which reached £11,550 (estimate £6,000 to £8,000), and a Dutch street scene by Adrianus Ever-sen at £8,250 (estimate £5,000

nationalism.

whose hours vary according to their position, say that 15 staff The Dutch ninteenth century journalistic posts remain un-filled in the company. TV-am has asked for a reduction of 20 market is a particularly difficult one since it was over-exploited

Continental minefield of paintings values

Estimating the value of 10 years ago, and a realistic nineteenth century paintings is a minefield. The recognized Old established. Masters have become inter-The most expensive painting national property, but the prices of the sale was a rocky coastal of more recent painters are often governed by politics and

scene by Henry Moret. "Cote Sauvage", which went to a private bidder at £18,150 (estimate £7,000 to £9,000). The A Czech or Hungarian would be hard pressed to value a sale made a total of £352,374 with just over 25 per cent British Victorian landscape, and in the same way Sotheby's have bought in. little to go on when estimating sales of Continental paintings.

The award-winning Edward Hibbert collection of stamps and postal history of St Helena and the dependencies of Ascension and Tristan da Cuna made £40,100 (pre-sale estimate £25 000) vesterday at the Robson Lowe Rooms (Christie's Philatelic Division) in Duke Street, St James's (Our Philatelic Correspondent writes).

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The commercial breakfast potential interviewees is comruns at about £1,000 a time works 24 hours a day handling sach luxuries, which were all output material, including

Between 7pm and 9pm the regional studios transmit material to TV-am's headquarters in Camden, north London. At 10pm the night writers and news balletin editor arrive and examine the first editions of the morning newspapers.

During the early hours the station may take overnight material from its New York producer/reporter, but since the cost of satellite material

common in the early days, now need to be rigorously justified. At about 3am the duty programme editor, one of four, will hope to snatch a brief nap from his 24-hour spell of duty. At 4.30am crews, presenters. directors and secretaries arrive.

goes on air.

Briefs for the presenters are prepared and a running script compiled. Rehearsals begin at 5.45am and at 6.25am TV-am A video tape recording unit

History of three turbulent years appointed editor-in-chief with a

pay cuts.
June 27: Miss Ford sues for £137,000 for unfair dismissal.

character.
September 6: Mr Jay offered a
£120,000 pay-off for the lose of his £50,000-a-year position. September 16: The end of the school holidays puts the BEC back in the rating lead, but TV-am

establishes a regular audience of about 1.2 million. The advertisers do not follow. November 1: After weeks of rumour of imminent collapse, the station is saved by a refinancing package which gives Fleet Holdings a 20 per cent share for £2m. The total £4.5m package will enable the company to

meet its target of paying all bills within 90 days, is says. November 21: Mr Kerry Packer's Consolidated Press takes a 10 per cent stake for £1 m. February, 1984: The extent of the company's financial crisis becomes apparent when it is divelosed that in 1983 it took £8m in advertising

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Cardiff and Belfast comme on duty, unless they have been called out earlier on news work. Unlike their four London counterparts, who are on a five days on, five days off contract, the regional crews work a four-day nine-and-a-half-hour week. At 3.30 pm the planning meeting reconvenes and works out a provisional running order for the next day's show. Ways of taking stories ahead of their expected treatment on Sixty takes over as acting chief executive, Minutes and News at Ten are investigated and a list of April 4: Mr Greg Dyke, is

staff of 350.

December 29, 1980: The TV-am company, headed by Mr Peter Jay and Mr David Frost, wins the and Mr David Prost, wins the breakfast franchise. Independent Broadcasting Authority officials later complain that the star quality of the bid, not its intrinsic merits, had won it the franchise against seven rivals.
February 1, 1983: The station goes

February I. 1983: The station goes on air, a month behind the BBC breakfast transmission, much to its chagrin. The IBA rejects TV-am requests for an earlier start. Mr Jay says the company has its back to the wall because of the dispute between Equity and advertisers. February 10: The BBC leads TV-am A.I. in viewsor. am 4-1 in viewers.

February 14: The station seeks an extra £5.5m in working capital, to bring it to its original start-up budget of £15.5m.
February 17: Head of news, Mr. Beb Monter serious Bob Hunter, resigns. February 25: The station relagaches with a new look. March 18: Mr Peter Jay resigns as chairman and Mr Jonathan Aitken

April 19: Miss Anna Ford and Miss Angela Rippon, two of the founding members, are dismissed. April 22: Deputy chief executive, Mr Hibry Lawson, resigns.

April 29: After talks with the company's backers, Lord Marsh announces that TV-am's future is

May 14: The station's viewing figures slump to 200,000 for the second week running.

Nay 20: New chief executive, Mr Timothy Aitken, amounces that all the 350 staff have taken voluntary

August 13: TV-am overtakes the BBC in the ratings charts for the first time, spurred by school children on holiday and the popularity of its Roland Rat revenue against an original esti-mate of £20m. Mr Aitken says that it will run out of funds unless jobs

A couple who built a £100,000 farmhouse without planning permission face a bill for £3,000, the estimated cost to Sevenoaks council in Kent of knocking down the house

Inquiry clears advice bureaux of bias and urges extra funds

Citizens Advice Bureaux are minor an invaluable national asset, bureaux provide exceptionally good value for money, and should have their funding increased, an independent review of the bureaux commissioned by the

Government, has concluded.
The inquiry, chaired by Sir Douglas Lovelock, was set up after Dr (now Sir) Gerard Vaughan, the Minister at the Department of Trade responsible for the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, made allegations of political bias against the organization, and quoted the example of Mrs Joan Ruddock, a bureau worker in Reading, who is also chairman of CND. He later

withdrew that allegation, The review recommends that funding of the national association should be increased by tlm, £900.000 of that on a recurrent basis. That would restore the real value of its grant from central government, allow improvements in its management structure and boost the of the local bureaux whose dedicated and competent workforce who are largely volunteers, have earned widespread respect, the inquiry says.
The report says it found
relatively few and relatively

Damaged

child wins

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Johanna Mitchell, aged four.

who will never be able to speak

or walk because of an accident

before she was born, was awarded £214,000 in damages

in the High Court vesterday. With interest, the final award

Mr Justice Kenneth Jones

said that the child suffered "catastrophic" brain damage

because of negligence at the

pathetic picture. She will always

The girl cannot walk but moves around her home by

rolling or on her knees. She

cannot speak but makes sounds.

She cannot learn sign language

because she has no control over

pain as she grows up she will

suffer. the judge said. Her vision and hearing are normal

and she is of normal intelligence

and has a keen awareness of

what is going on around her, "In time she will become more

and more aware of her own

her disabilities and contrast her

position with other normal people. She will undoubtedly

suffer because of her awareness, more than someone who has no

signalling and the computer age

might help her to communicate, the judge added. But she would

he incapable of normal social

intercourse. "She can under-

stand what is said to her, but

mother. Mrs Joyce Mitchell,

aged 27, at her home in St

John's Close, Leatherhead,

Surrey. She gave up her job as an office clerk to look after her.

The girl's parents are div-

orced but her father, Mr Brian

Mitchell, who works for British Airways, is also devoted to her

and helps.

Mrs Mitchell went into
Ashford Hospital, Surrey, to
have Johanna, her first child in

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politically impartial, after alle-gations that bureaux had begations that bureaux had be-come left-wing and were acting as local campaigning pressure

The incidents were "relatively minor", "the exception rather than the rule", and needed to be kept in perspective. The national association needed to ensure, however, that they did not recur, and the association needed to draw up



Sir Gerard Vaughan: Allegation withdrawn

minor" instances where clearer guidelines on how far it bureaux had failed to be should attempt to influence

"campaigning", particularly on issues that fell within party politics, but it was right and proper for it to draw the authorities' attention to the facts, with reasoned argument for change where that was based on bureaux experiences.

Sir Douglas said yesterday that he hoped the review team's report "if nothing else, will lay the Gerard Vaughan ghost to

Sir Gerard had not submitted any evidence to the review team. Sir Douglas said, al-though he had half expected him to", and the inquiry had examined only specific in-stances put to it, rather than try to chase up "half-references and oblique misgivings".

The review team quotes three examples for criticism; the display of a sticker saying "Fight Tebbit's Law with the TUC in a South Wales advice centre, the production of a circular on coroner's investigations, and the circulation of a report produced by a law centre on social security investigators which described them as "super

NEW SPEED LIMITS

existing speed limits have been

outdated by the technical development of coaches and

lorries, as a result of which the

The police apparently take

the view that the new limits

being more realistic and accept-

able to drivers, will be easier to

enforce. Mrs Chalker is to meet

limits are widely ignored.

Speed limit rises for coaches and lorries

Speed limits for coaches and orries will go up by 10 mph on dual carriageway roads from April. Mrs Lynda Chalker. Under Secretary of State in the Department of Transport. announced in the Commons vesterday.

The maximum on motorways remains 70 mph but on dual carriageway roads the limit goes up from 50 to 60 mph for hospital where she was born. He added that the irreversible damage has left her "a sad and coaches and smaller lorries and from 40 to 50 mph for heavy

The move will be criticized by transport unions, which have been pressing for lower rather higher limits for coaches. and also by the railways because it will increase the competition from lorries and coaches for British Rail freight and Interity passenger traffic.

Express coaches have bitten heavily into British Rail's traffic since the Transport Act of 1980 freed them to compete, and the new limit will give them a further boost in the form of faster inter city timing in

The government view is that

He added: "Her intelligence is such that she will be aware of Bank opens longer to

Success in winning new business has forced Yorkshire Bank, the Leeds-based clearing bank, to extend its opening hours. From April 2, it will keep branches open for an

extra 45 minutes each day. Most bank branches in Britain are open for business from 9.30am to 3.30pm. Yorkshire branches will be open from 9.15am to 4.00pm. Initially 70 branches will be involved, with the other 140 coming into line by the spring

With the exception of Bar-clays, which reintroduced Saturday opening at about 400 branches in 1982. Yorkshire is the first bank to make any significant change in hours since all the banks abolished

Saturday opening in 1967. But whereas the Barclays move was to attract more business and compete with the building societies, the change at Yorkshire is of necessity.

negligence, the judge said.
The damages were awarded against Hounslow and Spel-The need for improved opening hours was recommended in a National Con-sumer Council report on bank-ing services recently.

the Home Office shortly to press for stricter enforcement of coaches and lorries on trunk

New regulations to reduce motorway spray from beavy lorries in wet weather were also announced yesterday. More effective mudguards and ab-sorbent material will become mandatory on new lorries from the spring of next year.

MPs clash over role of helpdemand film censors

Secretary of State at the Home Office. clashed with MPs yesterday over the role of the British Board of Film Censors in regulating distribution of

mail came from Africa, although those in response to the Turkish and French services

City woken by nuclear alert

about 30 seconds at 6.30 am occurred at the city's police headquarters.

The siren was heard within a 10-mile area. A police inspector was demonstrating the equipment when the fail-safe system failed to operate,



Going down: Anthony James's canoe drops from the parapet

opportunity of trying some-thing a little different", Mr turbulent floodwaters of the James, of Pulleys Drive River Ouse, 20ft below. Mr James, a keen canoeist for the past six years, has

have a go."

Coming up: Mr. James, Shortly after surfacing

Safety' stunt makes

a bigger splash

travelled to Spain and Austria in search of "wild water" to test his skills.

Saying he was practising a safety technique, Mr

Anthony Jules, aged 20, a trainee surveyor, yesterday

balanced his caroe on the

parapet of a bridge in the centre of York and then

launched himself into the

children this year for Easter and Dragons International orga-

nizes individual and group exchange visits for school children aged 11 to 18 in three countries, with costs starting at

dangerous but it's fun. However, you have to know what you are doing and only

"I just could not resist the

Yesterday he found the most ideal conditions in his home city, as 13ft of floodwater turned the river into a

The freehold of the Town Pier, Gravesend, was bought for

Mr Frank Cheeseman former bargemaster and now managing director of his own river barge company, played round the pier as a boy.

Consumers seek law to protect deposits

By Robin Young Consumer group representaesponsible for consumer affairs: to demand legislation to protect customers who have paid in advance from losing money when arms go out of

The National Federation of Consumer Groups says that the hundreds of complaints of such losses received each year by trading standards authorities represent only "the tip of the

In a report presented to Mr Fletcher, who is Under Sec-retary of State in the Department of Trade and Industry, the federation says that constimers have lost money paying in advance for goods and services as diverse as carpets, crash helmets, garden sheds, jewelry, holiday travel

The federation delegation presented Mr Fletcher with the catalogue of a mail-order concern, predicting that the would crash within two years leaving customer's prepaid orders unfilled. It also rited the losses suffered by customers in the failures of Laker Airways, Eastern Carpets, Guildhall Gardening Products, the Magic Bus holiday company and the Tartan Cottage clothing

The losses borne by people of modest means amount to untold, thousands of pounds every year", Mr Alec Samuels, QC. a member of the feder-ation's legislation committee,

aid. Mr Samuels said it was wrong that consumers' prepayments should be used by traders as working capital. "Solicitors and estate agents are not allowed to use customers' money in this. way, and reputable traders do not do so. Traders who need people's money in advance to stay in business should not be trading anyway. They are gambling with other people's moticy

Summers: Protesting Con-summers Department (National Feder-ation of Consumer Groups, 12

Lack of interest curtails school trips By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent Hundreds of French and two reasons. First, there is little

West German school children will be unable to take part in exchanges with British children this year because of a lack of interest on the British side,

in Oxford, which fixes 1.000 exchanges a year, says there are guage remains small.

according to an organization which arranges them.

Dragons International, based

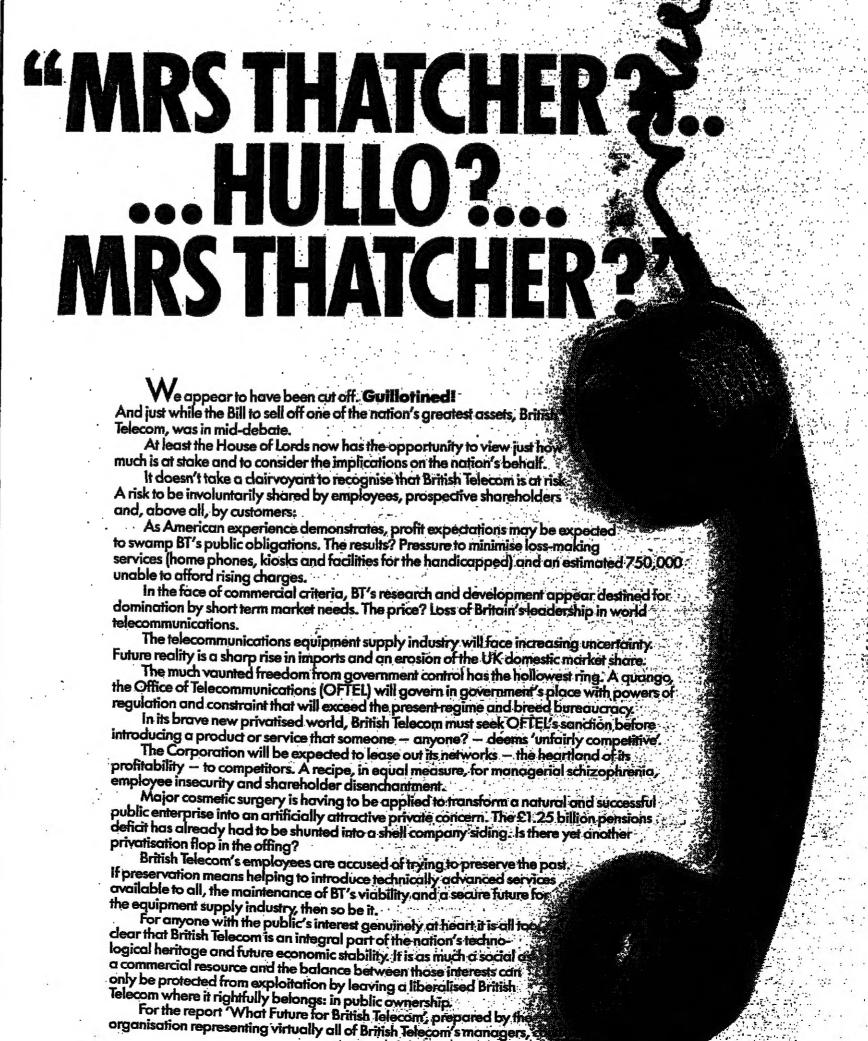
evidence to suggest that the British are any less insular in their outlook than they were 20 or 30 years ago. Second, there is still little incentive to learn a foreign language as one can get by in English almost anywhere in the world and the number of jobs requiring a foreign lan-

Mr Colin Galloway, director of the organization, said that he would be short of 400 to 500

Barge man buys Gravesend pier

£75,000 at a London anction vesterday by a Gravesend main because of the memories It

Mosky Street Newcastle Tyne; £2)



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Holiday rivals tussle for tourists' money

Package tour operators were criticized by the English Tourist Board yesterday for challenging its claim that holidays in Britain were half the price of those

Mr Michael Montague, board chairman, had issued figures showing that English hotels were considerably cheaper than those in Spain and other prime destinations for the British holidaymakers.

But Thomson Holidays responded by claiming that it was cheaper to fly to the Costa Brava or Majorca than take the train to Blackpool or Torquay. Mr Montague, who has just

launched a campaign to entice more Britons to holiday at home, is determined to improve further on the English tourist industry's recovery last year when revenue rose by 10 per

He produced a list of hotels where prices for a family of four were half those of hotels in

Spain's cheapest resorts.

For one week in Blackpool they varied between £144 and £320 for half board, excluding transport. In comparison, a

week with Thomson in Lloret de Mar. travelling by coach, would cost a family of four £550 in July or August full board.

Intasun, the country's second biggest operator, whose prices are very competitive with Thomson, pointed out that the cost of living in Spain, because of the weakness of the peseta, was considerably lower that in Britain. Drinks and food were approximately half the price, it

"The United Kingdom can never compete on quality combined with price". a spokesman for Thomson said. He remained confident that the tour operators, which have cut prices from last year, would continue to take a larger share of the market. Within three years, he predicted, more Britons would holiday abroad than stay in this country.

Tourism is none the less still an important industry in Britain. In the first nine months of last year revenue rose to £3,575m. Towns such as Easthourne earned £65m from visitors and gained 12,000 jobs. from

video recordings.
Sir Bernard Braine, Conservative MP for Castle Point. said at the committee session of the Video Recording Bill that the board had presided over a gradual decline in standards. and he wanted to see it given clearer guidelines. He was supported by Mr Robert Mac-lennan, Social Democratic MP for Caithness and Sutherland.

Ripper damages will not be paid

The Yorkshire Ripper, Peter Sutcliffe, yesterday was granted an automatic discharge from bankruptcy in five years' time. As a result two survivors of his attacks and the mother of his youngest victim will not receive damages awarded against him

Mrs Maureen Long, of Bradford who was awarded £8,500 and Miss Marilyn Moore, of Leeds, who was to receive £10,500, are entitled to criminal injuries compensation, but Jayne MacDonald's mother. Mrs Irene MacDonald, of Leeds, who was owed £6,700. will receive nothing.

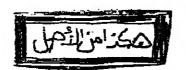
Record overseas mail to BBC

The BBC's overseas broad casts last year stimulated record-correspondence of 450,000 letters. 33 per cent more than in 1982, leading the corporation to believe that its regular international audience of 100

million may be increasing.

Mail from Poland has risen from 800 letters in 1982 to more than 5.500. Most of the new

Coventry's four-minute nu-



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Urgent diplomatic action needed on Lebanon

MIDDLE EAST

Explaining that with the recent deterioration in the situation in the Lebanon it had become impossible for the British contingent to the nultimational force to fulfil its role for the patrols in Beirrat and Providing an impostial guard for the street patrols in Beirut and providing an impartial guard for the ceasefire talks, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Scoretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, reported to the Commons that the major part of the British troops had been successfully moved to the Royal Fleet Auxiliary ship Beliant stationed off the Lebanese coast. They would remain there until the situation became clearer.

situation became clearer.

He said danger to the contingent had been greatly heightened. It had carned a high reputation among all Lebanese as an impartial force and had carried out its tasks in Beirut exemplary courage and

The British troops had played an important part in contributing to stability in the Beirutt area and providing an opportunity for political reconciliation. It was a tragedy that this opportunity had not been seized.

Sir Geoffrey Howe went on: We continue to have very prominently in our minds the safety of British residents in the Beirut area. I am glad to be able to report that I have

For those British residents who arrangements are being put in hand. British Embassy staff are safe and well and their position is being kept

The need for the restoration of stability, sovereignty and indepen-dence to Lebanon remains of the highest importance. We shall stay in force partners, with the Lebanese Government and with all those who can help in this process. If needless supreme effort must now be made by all the parties to settle their

Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Com-monwealth affairs, said amid cheers that they welcomed the withdrawal of the British troops. It was long

But many of us (he continued) are at the Government's ailure to organize the evacuation of

personnel.
It is the duty of the British
Government to protect British
civilians in these dangerous situations to the transet of its ability. Did the Government receive a request for withdrawal of the British

troops from President Gemayel as President Reagan says he did? Does the Government recognize that withdrawal of the multinational Lebanon? Yet there are so far no signs that the lessons have been learnt. Indeed, President Reagan yesterday threatened even wider and more indiscriminate intervention from his naval and air forces offshore.

forces offshore. If any profit is to be derived from the Lebanon tragedy all concerned the Lebanon tragedy all concerned must recognize two lessons. First, there can be no internal settlement which does not reflect the fact that the Lebanon now has a majority of

Douglas: Tell US that they are

Mions

American pressure last year and which does not recognize the Syrian desire, and indeed interest, in

security through a friendly Lebanon

An even greater danger threate

from a massive escalation of the war

in the Gulf in the coming weeks, if not days, Will the Foreign Secretary seek Western talks with the Soviet

Government to ensure that the

super powers are not dragged into direct military confrontation with each other against the will of both by the action of third parties that

it was that he did not wish to join :

arbitrarily his trade union membe

ship. This can have no connexion

whatsoever with security matters. It only acts as a red herring to raise this as justification for what the

Government has done. Mr Gerrard Neale (North Cornwall

Second, there can be no external

and arrangements are in hand for those now wishing to leave. The Royal Fleet Anniliary Reliant is close offshore to help if ascessary.

There was no request for the British contingent to leave but we have kept in touch with President Gemayel and kept him informed.

On the position of the United States, we have always made plain that the right of MNF participants to take action in the Lebanon was a right limited to self-defence.

The prospects of internal settlement depend on participation by all the communities. in ' a fashion acceptable to make that settlement a

I endorse what Mr Healey says on the importance of recognizing the role and interest of Syria in the Lebanou and the importance of ensuring that the May 17 agreement, while it provided for withdrawal of Israeli forces and while it is israeu (orces and while it is necessary to provide clear security for the security of Israel's northern frontier, should not be allowed to become an obstacle to the settle-

Sir Geoffrey Howe: We are well aware of the dangers which arise or

We have the civilian population bery much in mind. Those British residents without argent reasons to stay in Lebanon were advised to

leave as long ago as September last year. In the last few days they have been advised to stay under cover, and arrangements are in hand for those now wishing to leave: The

Mr. David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party, asked how many British civilians were in Benut and

Sir Geoffrey Howe: The view we have made clear, and which I made clear during my recent visit to Damascus, was that the May 17 agreement, while it had a legitimate bjective at the outset, should not wed to become an obstacle to

Some say it should be abrogated while others adopt a slightly different approach. The important thing is that without avoiding fulfilment of its original objectives, we must not allow it to stand in the way of some new, enlarged or extended agreement which would fulfil the objectives properly.

Our best estimate of the British

leave, especially as it is five days
since the Government began to pian
Western governments might prowide a basis on which any
personnel.

It is the duty of the British
Government to protect British
the United Nations.

Talks between the Soviet and population is that there are 1,800
UK nationals exempt from immigration control, 300 subject to
control, and 180 citizens of
Commonwealth countries for whom
we are responsible.

It is not possible to say how many may already have left without notifying the embassy. It is difficult to say how many of those remaining

mign wan to be evacuated.

Mr Julian Amery (Brighton, Pavilion C: Withdrawal of the multinational force represents a serious setback for Western influence throughout the Middle East? consulting urgently with our other partners in Europe and the United States, to make sure that this collapse of our influence does not extend to South Asia and the Gulf

rosion of the Western position. Mr Enoch Pewell (Down South, OUP): Why has it taken the Foreign Office so long to anticipate things which were so widely foreseen by

How long will the United Kingdom continue to be dragged on coattails of the disastrous conceptions of the United States

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I cannot share the way in which he approaches the policies of the United States which s and remains, our closest and is, and remains, our closest and most important ally. The US told us of their decision in advance and we told our partners of our own decision. Each country

sidered the position of its own Mr Edward de Casa (Taunton, C): What policies are we now going to adopt, what initiative are we going

to take either in conjunction with our allies, or through the United result, some form of international peace keeping force will have to go into the Lebanon?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: We have been pressing for a United Nations force ister and I have discussed this on more than one occasion with the UN Secretariat. I have been in touch and instructed the Ambassador to the United Nations, to be in touch again today.

The deployment of a UN force

would require assent from a wide

depends on the windawar of an foreign forces, including leased as well as Syria. It is not helpful to cast blame further than that.

Now that these events are taking

place I agree that the case for further urgent diplomatic action is strong and we shall have to continue work



Griffiths: Major setback for the West

Mr Frencis Pyrs (South-East Cambridgeshire, C) former Foreign Secretary: The present situation in Lebanon is extremely grave and has deteriorated in recent weeks. In view of the failure to secure the withdrawal of all foreign forces and the deterioration of the situation in non, it is vital that a major matic effort is put in train now

to try to prevent any more serious events taking place.

Sis Geoffrey Hower He endorses what I said about the extreme gravity of the situation and the serious deterioration, and for that reason I have emphasised the need for whether actions to try to secure a for urgent action to try to secure a

said and done by those on the ground, and by the MNF contribucountries and others. The need for action was one reason I was canvassing possible ways forward during my recent visit to Syria. Sir Ian Gilmour (Chesbara and Amersham, Cr. Any further peaceed from any regional alliance thrust of his main observation

satisfying in the Minister Last.

Six Genfirer Howe: The presence of our contingent has helped to provide an opportunity for political reconciliation which, sadly, was not taken. I agree about the importance, to form an independent view and express it without fear, to the United States. We never hesitate to deather.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: Whether or not circumstances are likely to arise where that was right or possible, remains to be seen. There is no immediate prospect of that. If possible a UN force would be more appropriate but we must reco the difficulty of achieving that Mr Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds, C) said the withdrawal could lead to a loss of credibility in

other areas of the Middle East. The expressions of anti-Americanism in the House could have the effect of making America, secoil from its commitments in other parts of the I find it rather strange that the House should be ringing with words of selcome and congramistion over a major setback for the West and

Sir Geoffirey House. It is because of our continuing anxiety to avoid the prospect of a bloodbath and slaughter that is becoming much closer, that we have been playing

Mr Healey. Will be initiate immediate discussions with the Soviet Union over some of the contingencies that might arise from the Middle East?

Sir Geoffrey Hower I endorse his point that it is undoubtedly right to prepared to discuss regional bolems with the Soviet Union and I raised this with Mr Gromyko at

●The Government was giving consideration to the award of the British contingent in Beirut, Lord Trefgirne, Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, said during questions after the Foreign Secretary's statement had been repeated in the House of Lords.

Serious implications of tour to S Africa

potential implications of the tour for other sports and events. Mr Robertson: since the impending nour threatens not only Britain's participation in the Commonwealth Games but also, possibly, the Olympic Games, and as Mrs Thatcher in Delhi expressed her support not just for the spirit but also the letter of the Gieneagies Agreement, when will the Prime



Nelson: Has my boycott influenced policy?

Minister call in the officials of the English RFU and tell them this tour must be called off?

Mr Machriage I certainly amconsidering over the next few weeks
in the run-up to the meeting which
will take place with RFU representatives on March 30 exactly what
the Government will do after the. the Government will do after that. I have had several meetings with the representatives of the RFU over the

the tour does not take place. Mr John Caribbe (Luton North, C): Does he not now think the objections he has made have gone far enough, that he should cease any rugby matches because a team of South African schoolboys came here

Mr Machriane: I do not know what the definition of pressure is but there are very serious and far-reaching implications for British sport as a whole if this tour goes ahead.

Mr Anthouy Nelson (Chichester, C): It is disappointing to many of us that a Conservative minister should involve himself in matters of sport of this kind. Is it not abundantly clear that the Gleneagles agreement. clear that the Gleneagles agreements into by previous Labour Government, is forcing sport generally, and rugby in particular, to pay a very high price? Can be indicate a single instance where a sporting boycott, or any other boycott, has had any influence on policy?

on policy?

Mr Macfarlane: As recently as last November in New Delhi the Prime Minister reaffurmed the Government's commitment to the Gleneagles agreement, and there has been no change.

Dr John Canadagham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment; is it not now clear that the RFU is planning to go ahead with this tour? Should not the Prime Minister intervene personally to prevent this disastrous tour going

Mr Macfarlane: It is quite clear that the role of the RFU over the next encouraging and enhancing rugby football throughout the hundred or so countries which now play rugby.

PR system urged

Mr Archy Kirkwood (Rozburgh and Berwickshire, I.) was given leave to bring in a Bill to establish an electoral system for the European Assembly elections based on proportional representation. He said those who objected to PR because it led to power sharing within government could not do so in this context because the function of the European Assembly was exclusively deliberative and not

Protests at banning of witnesses

COMMITTEES

Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the Commons. sympathetically any widespread concern for a debate on the Government's refusal to allow the Director of GCHQ Cheltenham and a trade union official there to give evidence to the Commons Select

Committee on Employment.

He was responding to points of order from both sides of the House on the issue, described by Mr Peter Shore, chief Opposition spokesman serious development

Mr Shore recalled that when during the 1982-83 session the liaison committee had reported on a similar case, the then Leader of the House, Mr Francis Pym, had "I am entirely prepared to give a

formal undertaking that where there is a case of widespread general concern in the House regarding an alleged ministerial refusal to disclose information to a select time to enable the House to express Mr Shore said the reference to

alleged ministerial refusal to disclose information was certainly servants acting on his instruction. Mr John Gorst (Hendon, North, C), a member of the select committee, said he wanted to put the record

said he wanted to put the recent straight.

Although the select committee desired in principle to invite these particular people to visit it, it had not actually resolved to do so but the preliminary inquiries had been made and the rejection was on totally spurious grounds. Although the man concerned worked in a security

Gorst: Rejection on Spurious

committee, was not informed at any stage about the invitation. Four of his colleagues were not consulted either. Had he been consulted he would not have joined in the

rill): It is most important that the House preserves the right of a select committee to control its own proceedings. The select committee may or may not be satisfied with what has happened today. We must wait until the select committee

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on Hennessy report on security at the Maze Prison. Lords (3): Telecommunications Bill, Committee. Fishing Vessels (Financial Assistance) spurious grounds. Authorigh the man concerned worked in a security situation, the questions the com-mittee wished to put to him related solely to his interests as a trade

Green belt and land circulars

ENVIRONMENT

Revised drafts of the Government's circulars on green belts and on hind for housing are to be published tomorrow (Thursday), Mr Patrick Jeakin, Secretary of State for the Environment, announced during He hoped the revised drafts would be seen to reflect a belanced

and workable approach, both to the noern for conservation. Mr Hilary Miller (Bromsgrove, C) the concern that the original circular, has caused in areas like North tershire where the green belt is under severe pressure from motorway construction, gravel pit

neighbouring authorities?
Not least is the view expressed by his own regional controller that the area should provide a larger proportion of land for long-term housing need.

Mr Jenkhr I understand the point he is making. On the particular issue, I must take into account the outcome of consideration of the Hereford and Worcester structure report of the panel on examination in public.

examination in public.

Sir Anthony Grant (South West Cambridgeshire, C): While welcoming any step necessary to prevent land being unnecessarily hoarded by local authorities and other public bodies, any further incursions into the green belt will certainly not be tolerated in Cambridgeshire. Mr Jenkin: I think he will find that the revised draft circular will-go long way to meet his concern.

Mr Sydney Chapman (Chipping Barnet, Ct. The advice given in the itenst circular should be equally applicable to authorities that either do not need planning permission in advance of development or auth-

orities that can give themselves planning permission. If there is to be extra safeguards for the green belt, will be consider these sorts of applications should be called in for determination by himself. Mr Jenkin: I recognize his concern

More research into effects of acid rain

The amount of money being spen rain was being substantially increased, Mr Patrick Jenkia, Secretary of State for the Environment, said at question time in the Commons after Mr Robin Corbett (Birmingham, Erdington, Lab) had asked him to publish a document containing the latest evidence.

Mr Jenkin mid a brief paper on acid C) had asked him if there were any deposition had been prepared for the Select Committee on the Environment which would be investigating the subject. The paper included references to a number of

published reports.

Mr Corbett: Will be stop being so complacent? Subphur dioxide emissions in Great Britain are the highest in western Europe. Will be press for full international cooperation to sweet this account. cooperation to avert this mena-ing environmental matter which threatens human beings, plants and animals in Europe?

Mr Jenkin: I vigorously refute any charge of complacency. He is making a large number of assumptions which scientific evidence does tions which scientific evidence does not support. That is why the recent Warren Spring report on acid deposition called for more research. My department is stepping ap substantially the amount we are spending on research in this sphere. Mr Michael Morris (Northampton South, C): A report by the Council of Funne depart attention to the taken on a unilateral basis. Is it wise

Mr Jenkin: It is obviously desirable that wherever possible the com-munity of nations should move in

step, not just in the European Community but in a wider area. For instance, we are signatories to the Geneva Convention under the ECE and play an active role in the work of that convention. The German Government, which

clearly feels a greater need because of the problem of the effect on trees to move faster, is going ahead; bu we shall need to discuss all this is

Code on use of nitrogen fertilisers

A code of practice for the use of nitrogen fertilizers was under consideration, Mr Ian Gow, Minister of State for Housing and struction, said during Com-

recent indications of increased levels of nitrate pollution in public water supplies.
Mr Gew: The Royal Society's report

The nitrogen cycle of the United Kingdom, which has just been published, confirms that nitrate levels are increasing in some surface and ground waters. This can affect nitrate levels in some public water Mr Taylor: The report indicates that a major contributory factor is the massive increase of nitrate fertilizers used by farmers. How can it be sensible to be importing millions of pounds of fertilizers in order to

increased use of nitrogen. The Agriculture Minister and my department are now considering a code of practice that can be issued

Revaluation

The Government considering the case for a revalu-ation of domestic rates, Mr Patrick Jenkin; Secretary of State for the Environment said in the Commons. The intention to hold a non-domestic revaluation had already

Pregnancy a passport : to housing

HOUSE OF LORDS

poignant statistic was that amon the official homeless as many as the official homeless as many as one-third had never in their lives had a secure reduce of their own. Lady Ewart-Biggs (Lab) said when she opened a House of Lords debate on the steady increase in the number of homeless people.

She said the latest figure – for the steady the latest figure – for the steady the latest figure – for the said the latest figure – for the said the latest figure – for the steady the said the latest figure – for the said the said the said the latest figure – for the said the said

generally thought that the numbers

became a passport to accomm

Levi Mulley (Lab), in a maiden speech, said the Government should consider the excellent case that had

would get no criticism from him-when they spent to their limit, as long as they did not spend unwisely, putting the money into overnight accommodation which was unsuit-

New peer

1982 - showed that 73,600 families were homeless, with over a quarter concentrated in London. It was represented only the tip of the

was Government cuts in public spending programmes. The diffi-culties of acquiring low-rented accommodation had increased. Land Kilmernock (SDP) said there had been a startling and alarming increase in homelessness among young people. As there was no chance for many of them to get accommodation unless they mar-ried and/or had children, this is what many of them did. Prepnancy

consider the excellent case that had been made for a policy, not only to cure or mitigate homelessness but to remedy the deplorable decline in the social infrastructure, particularly in the provision, repair and building of

houses.

Lord Skeimersdale, a Government spokesman, said that local anthorities' spending allocations were there to be used. Local authorities able to meet the problem.

Lord McAlpine of West Green, formerly Mr Robert McAlpine, was introduced in the House of Lords.

Rates rise can be kept to 1 per cent

WALES

sical to talk of any massive reduction in local an expenditure because current expenditure because current expen-diture had actually increased, Mr Nacholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, said, in the Commons in moving approval of

He said he had no doubt the Opposition would repeat its regular allegations, of unacceptable and slashing reductions in local authonty services, horrendous cuts in local authority staff and unincessary and excessive rate rises. But the factual evidence was overwhelm-

ingly against them. The picture painted of slashing-cuthacks to services was a gross distortion of reality. Welsh local authorities had been treated fairly. Total relevant expenditure pro-vision at £1,440m was an increase of about £55m or about 4 per cent on this year's level. Within this total, current spending provision at £1,253m was £57m or about 4.8 per cent more than this year. This was after making allowances for the reduction in authorities' National insurance aurcharge from next April and housing benefit administration.

casts.

He hoped grant witholding would not be necessary and that all authorities would spend at target and benefit their ratepayets. But targets provided a necessary incentive for authorities. The

incentive for authorities. The current expenditure component was the most important and for next year's tangets every authority had a cash increase in this.

He did not consider as justified complaints that the targets were machievable and too volatile. The targets for some authorities were tough but he was using the same methodology as that in the present year.

pressure was applied, that the high spenders could be hauled back overnight. But they would have to low spenders.

For the tast two years Opposition MPs had said that the modest reductions in the grant percentage in the settlements were bound to bring enormous rate increases. They had been wrong. There was no reason why increases in domestic rates in the coming year could not be kept down to an average of less than I

Mr Berry Jones, chief Opposition spokesman on Weles (Pontypridd.

In presenting totally unrealistic expenditure levels, the Secretary of State was increasing the problems of local authorities by also reducing the rate of grant. It amounted to an anack on local government services in Wales, but the wrong enemy had been taken on.

The true enemy was the Treasury

and Number 10, but the Secretary of State had declared war on his allies: there had been created a "big stick Nick. He was bashing local government to the point of

Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarion, Pl C) said that given there had been no gross overspending by local authorities in Wales, the Government should be advised to amend the rate capping Bill to take Wales out of its provisions.

Second reading At the end of Tuesday night's debate on the Cooperative Develop-ment Agency and Industrial Devel-opment Bill, an Opposition amendyear.

It was hard that suthorities that had held costs down should now have to subsidise the high spenders second time.

The Bill was rejected by majority, 106: The Bill was read a second time.

Thatcher calls for 'enterprise culture'

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister yesterday insisted that public spending, wages and inflation would have to be held down if employment Mrs Thatcher told the Small Business Bureau conference at Frimley, Surrey: "I came to office with one deliberate intent; to change Britain from a dependent to a self-reliant

society - from a give it-to-me, to a do-it-yourself nation; from a get-up-and-go, instead of a sit-back-and-wait-for-it Britain." That meant creating a new culture, an enterprise culture, the Prime Minister said, which would breed a new generation of job-creators with status and

Mrs Thatcher said that for years governments had tried to beg and borrow their way to economic success. "Instead, they fathered a massive inflation and destroyed both jobs and exactly."

Now, Britain had the highest

rate of growth in the European Community, a 1983 record for

consumer demand, the lowest

a rapid growth in productivity, and local authority rates.

our economy recovers, does unemployment stay obstinately high? Why are new jobs coming in profusion in the United States while in Europe and the United Kingdom unemploy-ment is still rising?"

Most of the new jobs in the United States had come from small and medium-sized businesses, the Prime Minister said "They came because the United States has an enterprise

Mrs Thatcher insisted that

the opportunities of low inflation must be frittered away and that small business risl must by rewarded, she said: That means that taxes must be cut." She went on: "If we are to reduce taxation, we must hold down public expenditure". The Government would resist appeals for more public spend for the support of businesses in rate of inflation since the 1960s, the battles to restrain spending

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Water in Wales to cost more

From Tim Jones, Cardiff Standing charges for domestic water supplies in Wales, already the dearest in Britain, were increased yester-

day by £6 a year.

The average bill sent to householders by the Welsh Water Authority will rise by 7 per cent to £92, compared with £32 in south-west Scotland. Consumer councils have called for pressure to be put on the Government to introduce a more equitable charging

At present the authority is

bound by legislation which makes it take account of the cost of supply and prevents it from discriminating between classes of consumers. There is expected to be ressure for the introduction of water rebate scheme to assist w-income families Industry, however, benefited from yesterday's meeting of the authority, which decided to

charges by 17 per cent.
Industry in Wales has been burdened with paying 30 per cent of the sewerage bill,

although it produces only 20 per cent of the sewage.

industrial sewerage



Symbol of America: A patriotic eagle, in carved wood and iron, made in Pennsylvania in about 1905, which is one of the exhibits in a show of American folk art at the Barbican art gallery in London. The exhibition is on until April I

(Photograph: John Voos)

Call to preserve exemptions

Church plea on conservation

Greater attention should be Church of England's repty to a from listed building control given to the interests of recent Green Paper on the should be eaded. That would

conversation in considering alterations to historic churches and cathedrals, a Church of England report recommends It proposes that the church should remain exempt from listed building control, but that the church's alternative control system, known as faculty jurisdiction, should be re-

recent Green Paper on the preservation of historic church buildings.

The report concedes that the

state system, listed building control, ought to apply to redundant churches due for zations favoured a strengthened faculty system for churches still in use.

formed.

In a minority report, Mr
The report of the faculty Marcus Binney, chairman of
jurisdiction commission is Save Britain's Heritage, argues
fikely to be the basis of the that the church's exemption

give the church greater freedom to siter buildings of lesser historic or architectural inter-est, while making the Secretary of State for the Environment public gnarding of all ancient buildings in England.

For cathedrals the report recommends that alternations should have to be reported to a

central expert committee

The Continuing Care of Churches and Cathedrals (Church Infor-mation Office, Publishing, Church House, London SW1; £6.50).

Teacher's rugby tackle cost £12,060

permanently injured as a boy when a teacher tackled him during a school rugby game was awarded £12,060 damaged in the High Court in London

Education authority, and an to trestrain and smother.

economics teacher Mr Robert Clark, a member of the staff of the Elthani Green school, London, at the time of the accident in 1977. Both denied liability.

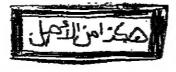
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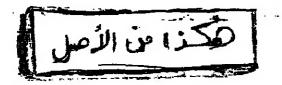
Mr Robert Affinta-Nartey, and care independing the believed Mr moving.

Clark, an experienced righty Mr Affinta-Nartey, who had now aged 21, of Victoria Way, Charlott, south-east London, was playing with boys. The which made him susceptible to tackle was dangerous and injury, had now been left with a costs, against the liner London unlawful. It was not an attempt permanently weak back.

game to have any physical contact with the pupils. He could play and take an active part but with the object of keeping the ball and game

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Walkerand Treasury clashover gas sell-off

By Jonathan Davis

The Treasury and the Department of Energy are proposing for what promises to be another protracted trial of strength, only weeks after their dispute over electricity price increases,

At issue this time is what should be done about the gas industry in the Government's £10,000m privatization pro-

Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary of State for Energy, is believed to have protested strongly to the Treasury about suggestions that the Govern ment has ruled out a stock market flutation of the State-owned British Gas corporation.

Such a move would raise several thousand million pounds, and is the only privatization solution accept-able to British Gas itself, But it is opposed by a number of ministers from the Treasury and elsewhere, who fear that it would merely replace a public sector monopoly with a private sector monopoly. They would like to see the corporation broken up and independent regional companies set up to narket gas locally.

Department of Energy officials are preparing possible options for introducing private capital and greater competition into the gas and electricity industries. Mr Walker is angry at what is regarded as a Treasury attempt to preempt his department's work.

He feels that the gas and electricity industries should be sold off only after careful consideration of the conse-quences, and after taking account of the wishes of the industry's workers.

Whitehall sources say that the energy department has not ruled out selling British Gas as a single unit on the stock market and is studying ways of regulating the industry if it maintained its monopoly as a privare sector company.

A provisional five-year priva-lization timetable, outlining plans to raise up to £2,000m a year for the next five years, was approved by a Cabinet committee two weeks ago, were included in that exercise, but ministers have yet to study detailed options for the two industries. There is considerable scepticism in Whitehall about whether any real progress can be achieved before the next

Speeding fine on ex-cricketer

Rachel Heyhoe Flint, former England women's cricket capmagistrates at Whitminister. near Gloucester, for driving on the M5 at nearly 95mph.

Heyhoe Flint a journalist 44. of Wergs road, hall, Wolverhampion. admitted breaking the 70mph



the most scarred road networks in the country

Professor tackles holes in the road

Professor Michael Horne has come down to earth since his retirement as Beyer Professor of Civil Engineering at Manchester University last year. After a lifetime as one of Britain's leading experts on bridge construction, he is now focusing his critical gaze on the more mundane but burgeoning problem of holes in the road.

Last week Professor Horne was appointed by Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of Transport to head an independent review into the 1.800,000 holes dug every year by electricity, gas, water and telephones workers to repair their lines or pipes. With television companies poised to lay hundreds of miles of underground television cables, the Government is keen to improve the quality of the work carried out whe the holes are

filled in. At the House of Commons transport committee pointed out during an investigation into the problem last year poor workmanship leads to "a deterioration in road conditions for all road users, particularly those on bicycles and motor bikes, delays to traffic while the excavations are being carried out and an increase in the frequency with which roads require ment". maintenance treatautumn, Professor Horne, together with representatives from the public utilities and local authorities, will be looking at ways to improve the Public Utilities Street Works Act. 1950, which lays down rules for filling in such holes.

Professor Horne, who concedes that he is a novice in the art of road repairs, has lost no time in learning the intricacies of his brief. He has travelled from his home in Hale, just outside Manchester, to visit research establishments, utility companies and local authorities various parts of Britain before the first written evidence from interested partaies arrives through his letter-box next

For a close, on-site inspec-tion of real holes in the ground, he needs to travel no further than the Greater Manchester area, which with 100,000 new holes a year boasts one of the Across Britain the gas companies are most active with an estimated one million road excavations a year. The water industry does about 500,000, electricity suppliers 207,500, and British Telecom only 73,100.

Troops lose 'home comforts'

Military 'new town' in Falklands

From Rodney Cowton Defence Correspondent Port Stanley

British servicemen based in the Falkland Islands are in the final stages of a migration which is reducing their presence in Port Stanley, the capital.

Immediately after the conflict in 1982 large numbers of troops were billeted in Port Stanley. many living with Falkland Island families. As recently as last July or August there were still about 1,000 servicemen there. Military sources say that number has been reduced to about 60 or 70.

Most of the military presence in the Port Stanley area has moved to a newly developed area known as the Canache about two miles away, which marks an effective separation from the town.

In the Canache there has developed a large amount of accommodation, storage areas and jetty facilities. Virtually all the structures have been designed to be easily movable.

The concentration in the Canache will make the service operations much more efficient than the previous makeshift arrangements in Port Stanley. But it has also beeen done to minimize disturbance to the civilian population, with whom relations appear to be excellent.

Kinnock group

challenges 'hard

left' in London

By David Walker

nock, leader of the Labour

Party, are making a determined

effort to wrest control of the

London Labour Party from the

Mr Kenneth Livingstone is

The first test of their strategy

is to come in early next month

at the annual meeting of the party's Greater London regional

council. They have put up Miss

Joan Lesior, the former MP, to

challenge Mr Arthur Latham,

the incumbent left-winger, for

Candidates supporting Mr

Kinnock are also standing for

several of the available seats on

the regional executive com-

the position of chairman.

closely associated.

Supporters of Mr Neil Kin-

The unanimity with which need to be easily accessible so

relations with the Armed Forces are "much better than anyone could reasonably expect", is

If the roads show signs of rapid wear it tends, correctly, to be attributed to military vehicles. If there is a minor accident it excites slightly more comment if it involves the military rather than if it is a purely civilian affair. The islanders have had to get use to a vastly increased level of noise from helicopters and fixed-wing

But in spite of such irritations. it is clear that the Forces have handled their relations with the civilian community skilfully.

Broadly speaking the aim is to retain in Port Stanley only those activities which have a direct relationship with the civil authorities or with the civilian population. Thus the military headquarters will stay there for the time being as will the military police unit, which needs to haise closely with the civil police, and the section of for clearing war debris. They

Falkland islanders say that that civilians can report findings of explosives or other dangerous materials.

> The move to the Canache is step towards the restoration of Port Stanley's prewar way of life. But there is a quite common remark that some families, and particularly older women, will miss the opporlunity to "mother" soldiers with whom their families had struck up a friendship, and who called in for a cup of tea or a bath.

in spite of those good relations, there are the kinds of minor friction which are inseparable from a sizeable military presence using much heavy equipment and largely made up of very young, though well disciplined, men.

Any possibility of friction will diminish still further from the spring of next year when the airfield being constructed 25 miles away at Mount Pleasant comes into operation. That will then become the main military centre on the Islands, though some of the service activities. including, in particular, naval the Royal Engineers responsible ones, will continue in and around the Port Stanley area.

Widow cut out of will awarded £60.000

A woman whose hosband cut her out of his will and left most of his fortupe to animal welfare and research was awarded a £60,000 share of his £240,000 estate by a High Court judge

"hard left" majority with which | yesterday. Mrs Joyce Bunning, aged 55. of St John's Court, Swaffham, Norfolk, had left her husband. Harry, four years before his death at the age of 74 in September, 1982. She asked Mr Justice Vinelott to make 'reasonable provision" for her.

In his will, Mr Bunning, a fruit and potato merchant from King's Lynn said he felt that he had provided adequately for his wife who, he claimed . . . when she deserted me took assets

worth £80,000". Mr Bunning left more than £160,000 to Cambridge University to set up a fellowship for research into cats and does and 2 gift of £26,000 to the Royal Society for the Protection of

Soon after their marriage in March, 1963, Mr Bunning, who was to die of a brain tumour, began to suffer from blackouts and Mrs Bunning gave up her job

In 1976, Mr Bunning had a serious blackout and, according to Mrs Bunning, was "never the same man again". He "blew

into irrational rages The judge ruled that, al-though Mrs Bunning had assets of about £98,000, her huchand had not made reason able provision for her.

Sikh protest halts the Punjab at swordpoint

From Michael Hamlyu, Delhi

Sikh agitators brought most of the fertile Punjab state to a halt vesterday with an eight-hour general strike or Bandh, enforced in many cases at sword

Angry gangs of Sikh Warriors having curved swords and spears, blocked roads, sat down on railway tracks and looted some shops that tried to remain

In Patiala two cyclists threw a bomb at a group of rickshaw drivers waiting for work outside the railway station. Three were In an effort to take the sting

out of the shutdown Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister called together leaders of most of the opposition parties in Delhi and proposed tripartite meetings between the eovernment, the opposition and the Sikh political party the The opposition leaders in-

cluded Mr Chandra Shekhar of Janata, Mr Charan Singh, the former Prime Minister and representatives of the Communists and the rightist Bharariva Januta Party, They agreed.

The government also stopped trains running through Panjab. That did not, however, stop the agitators from cutting railway telephone lines and blocking the track with planks.

Not everything went the agitators way, however. Else-where in Patiala police had to keep rival processions apart the Sikhs trying to force all shops and businesses to close. and the Hindus trying to keep them open. In Jullunder three Hindus were taken to hospital with sword injuries, while three Sikhs were hurt by stones. The police fired tear gas

In the Sikh holy city of Amritsar everything was more peaceful. The only traffic was by bicycle. Cyclists were stopped by Sikh enforcers and had their tyres let down.

agitation. Sant Harchand Singh Longowal claimed the Bundle was a total peaceful success. The Amritsar police chief, Mr Ajay Pal Singh Man declared: It has been absolutely peaceful. There has been no violence.

The agitators also tried to close down Chandigarh, the capital the state shares with neighbouring Haryana, but failed. Although gangs of sword and spear wielding warriors blocked the roads into Chandigarh, buses and private cars within the city ran normally, shops, offices and even cinemas remained open.

The agitators have a list of religious and territorial grievances which are proving hard to settle without the agreement of

Malaysian succession hit by death of Sultan

Two months after a bruising constitutional crisis and nine days after the death of the main contender, Malaysia's nine local rolers meet today to elect a King for the next five years.

The rulers and informally agreed that they would like the 59-year-old Sultan Idris Shah of generally welcomed as being a Perak to be King and the Australian-educated Mahmood Iskandar of Johore

But Sultan Idris Shah died o a heart attack last week. Under the rules it is Johore's turn, and so it will be, unless Sultan Mahmood Iskandar decides to withdraw, which appears unlikely. Perak's Sultan Azlan Shah, aged 56, who until last Friday was Malaysia's Lord President (chief judge), could

now be deputy King.
The prospect of Sultan Mahmood Iskandar enthusiasti-cally welcomed by the Govern-ment of Datuk Seri Mahathir with which he is not on good terms.

constistutional The arose when the nine rulers objected to an amendment of the constitution introduced by Datuk Seri Mahathir, which curtailed their powers and those of the king.

The amendments eventually signed, but only after the Government agreed to a further constitutional amendment, which gave back to the rulers most of the powers that had been taken away.

The present King, Malaysia's seventh, ends his term on April 25, and returns to Pahaog as Sultan. Malaysia's unique system of electing the King means that the nine rulers take turns as head of tate. So far the rulers of seven states have served their terms, with only Johore ad Perak still to come.

Since independence ony four rulers have declined to be King: none who wanted to be King has been rejected. The choice is dictated by an order of precedence that is strictly observed.

4,000 sacked

Peking (Reuter)- More than 1,000 young people in the south west China province of Guiz-hou have been dismissed from jobs they inherited from their parents, the China Daily re-

Republicans relax as Democrats bicker

Mondale's millions guarantee flying start in eight horse race

Nicholas Ashford, in the first of two articles, reports from Washington on the process of selection for presidential hope-

Politics



America increasingly resemble a non-stop No sooner is one election over than presidential hopefuls start Jockeying for position in the

Within weeks of President 'arter's defeat in 1980. Mr Walter Mondale, his former Vice-President, had embarked on a carefully organized campaign to secure the Democratic Party's nomination in 1984, which largely explains why he is now so far ahead of his seven rivals. Six of the other Democratic

runners had declared their candidacy by last spring. Rever-end Jesse Jackson was the only one late starter, leaving himself a mere eight months between his declaration last autumn and the Democratic national convention in San Francisco in July

The runners

These are the Demoncratic approximate order of popularty: Walter Mondale, John Glenn, Jesse Jackson, Gary Hart, Alan Cranston, Ernest Nollings, Reubin Askew, George McGo-

at which 3.931 delegates will decide who they wish to challenge Mr Reagan for the

In fact it will be clear long before then, possibly as soon as the end of March, who their nominee will be. As a result of new party rules, nearly half of the delegates to the Democratic convention will have been selected in the six weeks between the lowa caucuses on February 20 and the Connecticut primary on March 27.

If there is still some doubt remaining by then, the New York primary on April 3 and the Pennsylvania primary on April 10 (which will select 285 and 193 delegates repectively) will be the clincher. On the Republican side the

primaries and caucuses will be of little public interest as Mr Reagan will face no serious challenger and his nomination at the party convention in





Campaign contrast: Mr Mondale's Presidential wave and the Rev Jackson's populist V-sign

Dallas in August is already assured.

The reason that presidential hopefuls feel it necessary to make an increasingly early start in the race is the need to build up a strong organization. establish "name recognition" and, most important of all, raise the large amounts of cash necessary to carry out an effective campaign. Mr Mondale's early start has

clearly paid off. He has by far the best organization of the eight Democratic candidates, is accumulated twice as much in campaign funds - a total of \$15m (£10.7m) - as the other seven combined.

ments by organisations that are cratic Party, such as the AFL- candidates to secure a sufficient

C10, also necessitate an early number of delegates at the had not only won him useful of them, will go to San primaries but a huge lead over his rivals in the opinion polls. Francisco pledged to support one candidate on the first ballot. The significance of the lowa

only 80 delegates. However, whoever emerges as the winner the best known and has already and overseas territories hold primaries of caucuses.

Democratic primaries this year The relatively novel practice (26 binding ones compared with straw polls in various 31 in 1980) and more caucuses states and political endorse- (31 compared with 25 in 1980). The object of the primaries influential within the Demo- and caucuses is to enable

start. Although these endorses convention to win the party's ment are non-binding. Mr nomination. An overwhelming Mondale's string of successes majority of the delegates. 3,365

Another change in party rules caucuses and the New Hamp- stipulates that candidates in shire primary is largely symbolic. Between them they select win at least 20 per cent of the vote to qualify for delegates. This has been challenged by Mr will be in a strong position to go into battle on "super Tuesday" Jackson as being racially dis-- March 13 - when 10 states criminatory and designed to favour the front runner.

All of this is music to the cars Under the changed party of the Republicans who can rules, there will be fewer chipty the spectacle of more bitter infighting within the Democaratic Party while they prepare for a "Reagan coronation" in Dallas. Only then will really begin.
Tomorrow: Congress and states

Prague denounces Thatcher's Hungary visit

From Richard Bassett

vesterday condemned as a failure by the official Czechoslo-

Rude Parva. With the Slovak missiles in Britain could not be Mrs. Thatcher of remaining paper, Pravda, it claimed that concealed from the public or President Reagan's submissive Mrs Thatcher had failed to history Rude Pruvu said giving pupi in East-West relations. Her Mrs Margaret Thatcher's convince the Hungarians, or warning that there could be no efforts were doomed to failure cent visit to Budapest was even elements of the British dialogue with the socialist as longes she remained inpress, that her peace rhetoric The stationing of American

countries under the threatening structed by him to pursue

dialogue from a position of

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Lebanon: World holds its breath and waits to see what happens next

Jerusalem **Cabinet** holds crisis session

From Christopher Walker Jerusalem

The Israeli Cabinet was summoned into emergency session yesterday to review the intiplications of the worsening crisis in Lebanon, which has effectively torpedoed many of the wider aims for which the costly invasion of June 6, 1982

was priginally launched. In an effort to maintain secrecy the meeting was ruled to be, a session of the Ministerial Defence Committee, the proceedings of which are classified under Israeli law, Israeli sources said later that no operative decisions had been taken and a further Cabinet discussion was

A majority are believed to be firmly opposed to any further Israeli incursions north of the Awali River, either to protect Lebanese Christians or to try to shore up the crumbling regime of President Amin Gemayel. Most politicians here regard its replacement by a more pro-Syrian government as inevi-

It is understood that the Israelis have not ruled out air or sea attacks in support of US military moves. But most ministers are anxious to concentrate attention on consolidating security arrangements with the hotchpotch of local militias in southern Lebanon, in order to facilitate a further pullback there, leading to an

eventual Israeli withdrawal. This approach is opposed by Professor Yuval Neeman, the hawkish Minister of Science and leader of the small Techiyr Party. He predicted yesterday that recent events in Beirut would necessitate a permanent Israeli Army presence in south-ern Lebanon. But he is in a minority inside the coalition

The view of the main Labour opposition was voiced by its daily paper. Davar, which stated: "We should not get involved in what is going on in Beirut. What we did not understand in June 1982 we must understand programme." must understand now: Israel must safeguard its borders irrespective of the identity and character of the governments in

the neighbouring capitals."

Before the Cabinet session officials were trying to disguise their disappointment at the retreat of the multinational force by laying emphasis on President Reagan's decision to sanction wider firepower for the Sixth Fleet. "We do not see the United States as having closed a

chapter," said one. with which Israel regards the decision to pull back the November. Opinion polls have Marines and other contingents shown mounting public disquiet revealed by Mr Yitzhak Shamir. the Prime Minister, when he spoke to visiting American

I think that the departure of the Marines, or the French, or Italian or British troops from Beirut is a problem, a very important political issue for all the Western world. It is not an

Israeli problem," he told them. Mr Shamir was pressed to outline what these might be. "If countries in our area will see that in Lebanon the Western powers have been defeated in this confrontation with Syria - a Soviet protectorate - they will draw their conclusions about their positions, about their Western powers," he said.

Israelis kill dog-catcher by mistake

From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv

An Israeli Government ranger hunting stray dogs in the occupied Gaza Strip was shot dead yesterday by Israeli solhim for an Arab terrorist. An Army spokesman said

soldiers patrolling the Beit Lahiya area near the northern end of the strip heard a shot and suspected terrorists were operating in the vicinity.

Minutes later, the report said. another shot was heard and soldiers saw a Jeep partly concealed by a rise in the terrain but with gun barrels visible. They fired at the Jeep and it

began reversing.

The vehicle turned out to belong to the Israeli Nature Preservation Authority's "green

Mr Arye Dukomatchy, aged 23. was killed and his comout was an attempt to deceive panion was injured in the the world, since American forces remained close to Leb-





Prelude to pull-out: Marines on guard as a helicopter ferries US Embassy dependants to safety from Beirut and gunmen directing traffic outside the French Embassy

Reagan U-turn silences his critics and boosts re-election chances

From Nicholas Ashford.

Washington "The situation in Lebanon is difficult, frustrating and dangerous. But that is no reason to turn our backs on friends and cut and run," said President Reagan in his regular weekly broadcast last Saturday, reinforcing his statment in an interior with the Hell State. interview with the Wall Street Journal the previous day that he had no intention of pulling US

Marines out of Lebanon. Three days later, in what would appear in effect to be a complete about-face, the President announced that the Marines are to be "redeployed" on US naval vessels off the Lebanese coast, thereby signalling the end of their controversial 16-month peace-keeping

The abruptness with which Mr Reagan changed course caught both his critics and supporters by surprise, even though it had been widely expected that the Marines would be remonved from their foxholes around Beirut airport

mission.

during the course of this year. Paradoxically, what would appear to be the most serious foreign policy setback of his administration is certain to strengthen Mr Reagan's politi-

cal position within the US. Lebanon is the issue on which he is most vulnerable and Earlier this week the gravity which most threatens his th which Israel regards the chances of reclection in about the continued US presence in Beirut and the danger of

more American lives being lost. On Capitol Hill the Administration's attempts to maintain bipartisan support for its policy were collapsing as Democrats attempts to revive American prepared to table resolutions in both houses calling for the "prompt and orderly with-drawal" of the Marine contin-

Within hours of his an-

foothold in the region.

intervention, the Kremlin an-

nounced it was sending Mr Geidar Aliyev, one of the most

dynamic Politburo members, to

There was speculation that

the campaign in Beirut against

the Gemayel Government and

Lebanese Army by Syrian-backed Muslim militia had

been instigated by Damascus

and ultimately by Moscow. Mr

Walid Jumblatt, the Druze leader, was in Moscow last

Diplomats said that even it

Moscow had not engineered

Syrain and Druze attempts to

bring down President Gemayel

and force the multinational

force out of Beirut, the Russians

were now taking advantage of

the situation. American and

European troop withdrawals

were seen in Moscow vesterday as a serious defeat for President

Reagan, although the media

continued to criticize American

Tass said the American pull-

aggression".

A film by GILLIAN ARMSTRONG ("My Brilliant Career")

month for talks on Lebanon.

Damascus for consultations.

History of the peacekeepers

September 20, 1982: President Reagan orders 800 Marines into west Beirut as part of a multinational force to help Lebauese Government naidtain order after nassacres of Palestinian refu-

September 26: More than 2,000 French and Italian troops deployed in west Beirut.

September 29: US Marines land in Beirut. February 1, 1983: Queen's Dragoon Guards begin arriv-ing. British unit is 97 strong. August 29; Two Marines are first Americans to die in combat since arrival of peace keeping force, during heavy fighting between Lebanese Army and Shia Muslim militia-

September 23: French launch first air strikes against Druze and Syrian positions in Chouf

nouncement on Tuesday Democratic and Republican Congressmen as well as all of the eight Democratic presidential candidates had voiced their approval of the decision. As Mr Walter Mondale, the Democratic front-runner, grudgingly conceded: "Although very late. i applaud his action because I believe it will save American

in lives". The decision was undoubtedly a painful one for Mr Reagan, For him their presence not only formed a central part of his policy to restore peace Lebanon but also came symbolize his Administration's strength and prestige around the

> However the role of the Marines and the other members of the multi-national force had changed significantly since they

Moscow capitalizes on

American discomfiture

From Richard Owen, Moscow

The Soviet Union yesterday anese shores. American agmoved swiftly to capitalize on American discomfiture in Lebatilt". under cover of a "deception".

othold in the region.

Shelling by the Sixth Fleet
While claiming that Amerin withdrawals was an act of Banditty and the

of American forces".

on in an attempt to regain a tive manocuvre"

October 23: Suicide bombers attack US and French military headquarters. American death toli from this one attack 241, and the French 58. December 21: Bomb attack on

the French kills one soldier and more than a dozen civilians. December 23: President Pertini of Italy says his country's 2,100 strong contingent should be withdrawn.

ce switch of 482 troops to United Nations Interim Force (Unifil) in southern

January 17: First contingent of Italian troops to be withdrawn as part of reorganized deploy-ment, cutting numbers to 1,400, arrive in Italy.

Fatalities: American has lost 259men, France 84 and Italy one. British troops only suf-fered a few injuries.

were deployed in Beirut in the wake of the Shatila and Sabra refugee camp massacres in September 1982. Initially, after the removal of Palestinian guerrillas from Lebanon, they were supposed to help the ficw government of President Amin Gemayel transform his country into a stable, pro-Western state at peace with Israel.

There was no expectation that US armed forces will become involved in hostilities, President Reagan said when explaining why he did not believe the War Powers Act applied to his decision to send

the troops to Lebanon. However, the force soon came to be seen as siding with one of the factions in the protracted Lebanese civil war. As a result the Marines became targets of the dissident forces opposed to President Gemayel "sitting ducks" as Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona described

Just whavulnerable political pawns tad become in Lebanon's deadly chess game was horridemonstrated with the bomb attack on their headquarters last Octoberich re-

Since then the main issue facing American policy-makers has been when and under what circumstances the Marines would be withdrawn. Mr Rea-gan. supported by Mr George Shultz, the Sccretary of State. and Mr Robert McFarlane, his National Security Adviser, wanted to avoid hasty action. They hoped if President Gemayel was able to enlarge the area under the control of the American-trained Army, a phased and orderly withdrawal would be possible later this year and the MNF could be replaced by some form of United Nations presence.

On the other hand Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Sec-retary, and the Pentagon chiefs. who had never wanted to get involved on the ground in Lebanon in the first place, had long been pressing for the sort President has now chosen.

Mr Reagan's abrupt reversal was undoubtedly triggered by the collapse of the Lebanese Government last weekend and the swift seizure of west Beirut by the Moslem militias. It had suddenly become brutally clear that President Gemayel unable either to broaden the base of his government or to gain military superiority over his Muslim rivals.

Mr Reagan's decision to widen the air and sea role of American naval vessels off the Lebanese coast is intended to maintain a US presence in Lebanon and to be a signal to the Syrians and their Moscow associates that they cannot now expect to carve up the country among themselves.

It is also designed to show moderate Arab states in the region, particularly in the Gulf, that the US is a reliable partner and that they can continue to count on US military and political support. American. dependability will undoubtedly be one of the issues which King Husain of Jordan and President Mubarak of Egypt will have uppermost in their minds when they hold talks with the President in Washington next

French anxious to go home at the earliest opportunity

France appears to have no to remain indefinitely in Lebaimmediate intention of with-drawing its 1,240 troops from Beirut, although the Govern-ment has left little doubt that it is anxious to do so at the first

орропиле тотелі. President Minerrand told yesterday's Cabinet meeting that France still wanted the Security Council to take up the situation in Beirut with a view to replacing the multinational force with a United Nations

The Government hoped this line, which was adopted several months ago, would result in concrete development "in the hours or days to come." M Max Gallo, the government spokes-

No statement was made on the Government's views about possible withdrawal. M Charles Hernu, the Defence Minister, would only say France's position had been clearly explained

President Mitterrand on The President stated: "I said long ago that I was asking for a relief (of the multinations force) as quickly as possible by an international United Nations

A total of 84 French soldlers have been killed in Beirut since the multinational force arrived. **EEC** warns

of dangers

in flying to

the sun Brussels - Holiday flights to

the Mediterranean sun are endangered by inadequate air traffic control, faulty spare parts

and slack safety rules, according to a report finished yesterday

for the European Parliament

The report pinpoints danger

black spots, including the Adriatic coast of Italy, the

Naples area. Sicily and Sardinia. It also finds a number of airports lacking in adequate

fire-fighting equipment.

The report also suggests there were possibly three times more than the 140 near-misses reported in 1982 – the latest year for which there are full forms.

for which there are full figures -in the skies above the EEC. "In

some countries. France and Spain in particular, there are especially high numbers of serious risks".

Botha hope for

Cape Town (AP) - Mr Pik Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, said yesterday that a cease fire is "in practice at this moment" in southern Angola amid a very promising climate for an extended halt in

bush warfare. He told foreign reporters:

Steps are being taken by the

South African Government and I believe, the Angolan Govern-

ment to put into effect a cease fire for 30 days and I hope

Church pleads

The Church of Scotland has

sent three telegrams to President Hastings Banda of Malawi

asking for clemency for Mr

Orton Chirwa, the opposition leader, and his wife Vera, who

were sentenced to death last

court has rejected their final

appeal. A spokesman for the church in Edinburgh said:

"Only Dr Banda is now in a

position to save the Chirwas.

They have a long association with churchmen from this

Train attacked

in Mozambique

Maputo (AP) - Robels of the

Mozambique National Resist-

ance, firing rockets, attacked a

passenger train at a rural station 56 miles north of Maputo.

killing six people and wounding

says at least 109 people have died and 49,000 been made

homeless by Cyclone Domoina.

More than 31,000 tons of corn

and 2.000 tons of beans are

needed to replace washed-away.

Moscow (Reuter)-A lorry

driver put up electric fencing and window grids round his

dacha (summer house) after the

theft of an alarm clock and

killed his 17-year-old son, who

did not know of the precautions

and tried to open a window.

The Sovietskaya Rossiya news-

paper reported that the driver

had been sentenced to a prison

Athens (AFP) - Greek police seized dozens of illegal cassette tapes of "A Message to the Greek People", recorded by Mr

George Papadopoulos, the former dictator, who is serving

life sentence in Piracus. The

tape was first played in public

during the founding congress of

the extreme right-wing Epen

Vienna - Romania's Minister

for Chemical Industries, Mr Georghe Caranfil, has been dismissed after being accused of

responsibility for a serious

explosion in an oil refinery near Bucharest on December 7. No

details have been given of

party 10 days ago.

Blame taken

camp for manslaughter.

Lape seized

Death dacha

Meanwhile, the Government

for treason. A Malawi

for Chirwas

year

long ceasefire

(lan Murray writes).

 ROME:Announcing plans for a phased pull-out of Italian forces from Beirut, Signor Giovanni Spadolini, the Minister of Defence, told senators last night that the withdrawal would not leave a gap in surveillance of Palestinian camps, which was the principal Italian responsibility (Peter Nichols writes).

The absolute guarantee is the United Nations and we must try to bring the United Nations to Sabra and Chatila."
There were UN forces in southern Lebanon and the Italian Government was asking that some be sent to protect the Palestinian camps, which hold some 15,000 people.

This "protected handover" would have to be carried out quickly and if that were not possible "we must seek other guarantees for leaving the camps in conditions of absolute security, accepting for ourselves to continue only in limited police and health roles for as



The victim: Mr al-Mubarak in happier times

Arab diplomat shot dead outside his Paris flat

Paris (AP, Reuter) - A dor and escaped on foot. No immas fatully wounded the group immediately claimed United Arab Emirates Am-bassador to France outside his Paris home yesterday morning. The Ambassador, Khalifa

Ahmed Abdel Aziz Al-Muba-rak, died about four hours after the shooting at Saint Anne's Hospital. He was the twelfth diplomat or embassy employee to be assassinated in Paris since December 19, 1974.

Police said that Mr Al-Mubarak, aged 36, was shot in the back of the head as he left the block of flats where he lived at Avenue Charles Floquet, 2 few hundred, yards from the Eiffel Tower. The hospital said the bullet entered deep into the brain and no operation was

Police said the gunman, described as an "Arab type", fired one shot at the Ambassa-

responsibility. and questioned by detectives at Gare Saint Lazare railway station, but he was released On Tuesday ganmen shot dead General Gholam Oveissi, one of the late Shah of Iran's most senior officers, in a Paris street. An anonymous caller elephoned a news organization in London and claimed responsibility on behalf of the Islamic Jihad, a shadowy extremist group.

· LONDON: The Iranian Foreign Minister, Mr Ali Akbar Vellayati, denied yester-day that Iran was responsible for the killing of General Oveissi. But he commented that General Oveissi had

his crimes" (Reuter reports).

Pilot killed Las Vegas (Reuter) - An RAF Jaguar crashed while on manoeuvres at Nellis air force

base near here. In London the Ministry of Defence said that the Pilot, attached to 6th squadron, RAF Coltishall, had

casualtics.

How to be 113 Fort Lauderdale, Florida (AP) - Mrs Julia Jones, who worked until her 100th birthday

and ignored doctors' advice to stop smoking a pipe, has died aged 113. Her simple rule for longevity was: tend to your business.

Panda dies

Berlin (Reuter) - West Berlin oo's five-year-old female panda Tian-Tian, a favourite of the city's animal lovers, died yesterday from a viral intestinal nfection despite efforts to save her by six veterinarians.

Gay to the end

San Francisco (Reuter) - A funeral home staffed by homesevuals and catering to San Francisco's large gay com-munity has opened here. Its: founder, said: "As far as I amaware, we are the only one in

Assad pledges support for Lebanese unity

can withdrawals were only a effect of President Reagan's tactical prelude to further orders was to until the hands Officials have hinted that Moscow might accept a United Nations peacekeeping force to

replace the multinational force. The Soviet tactic has been to allow the Lebanese situation to deteriorate and then to take advantage of Western setbacks by stepping in with a revived version of its Middle East plan.

ing the Soviet Union. Diplomatic sources expect Mr Aliyev to put forward the Soviet solution in Syria next

which calls for a conference of

all "interested parties", includ-

Syria is Moscow's chief ally in the region and has received a stream of armaments over the past year. On the other hand, Moscow has always, stopped short of encouraging a Syrian confrontation with Israeli or American forces, for fear of being sucked into the conflict.

Damascus (NYT) - President Assad has pledged his Government's continued support for Lebanon, its unity and territorial integrity, according to the official Syrian press

The agency said the President made the statement on Tuesday during a meeting with a visiting delegation of promi-nent Sunni Muslim political leaders from Lebanon, including three former prime ministers. The statement came before President Reagan announced his decision to evacuate the US Marines in Lebanon

to ships offshore. Mr Donald Rumsfeld, the special American envoy, is expected in Damascus and both the Lebanese delegation's visit reflect Syria's central role in the Lebanese political countion. The collapse of the Government there was seen here as a victory for Syria and its allies. In addition to backing opposition political forces in Lebanon. Syria maintains 40,000 troops in the northern and eastern parts of the country.

The Lebanese delegation was composed of mainstream Muslim politicians who are not members of the co-called National Salvation Front, which has been formally coordinating its political and military stance with Syria. In a brief report on President

Assad's meeting with the Lebanese delegation, the press emphasized continued Syrian support for Lebanon, its unity

and territorial integrity. Later in the day, the official Syrian radio accused Israel and the United States of planning to attack Syria and the opposition Muslim forces it is

supporting in the Bekan Valley. Formula for Greenland's

exit approved by EEC From Ian Murray, Brussels

waters, roughly the amount they understood, is blocking pay-

catch there now. For its part, ments for fear of breaking EEC

Conditions for Greenland to guaranteed minimum catch leave the EEC were approved by the European Commission in financial crisis, which has held Brussels yesterday. The aim is up payments of almost £100m to Britain's hill farmers, has led month, in time for the former to a dispute between the Danish colony to leave the Treasury and the Ministry of Community at the beginning of next year, it voted to leave in a ation reports). referendum nearly two years

Greenland would have a rules.

Agriculture (the Press Associ-

Yesterday a National Farmers' Union delegation saw the Agriculture Minister, Mr Under the proposals, Greenland would be paid about £11m Michael Jopling.

The minister is seeking talks up to 12,000 tonnes in its with the Treasury, which, it is

Caribbean seeks 'flying squad'

Leaders of eastern Caribbean sympathetic hearing from Mr. leaders. Mr Shiltz had separate ountries pressed their case for Shultz, but the Americans will talks with Mr. Tom Adams, merican help in building a want to know more about long. Prime Minister of Barbados, an countries pressed their case for American help in building a regional defence force when they met Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State,

here yesterday. The group wants a permanent 'flying squad" equipped with helicopters and fast patrol boats to provide security over a 500mile are of the Caribbean from Grenada to St Kitts.

The events in Grenada, which troubled its neighbours and led to the American invasion in October, naturally form a strong part of the islands' case for American assistance. The leaders had a

commitment.

Antigua, Dominica, St Lucia countries only Barbados and and St Vincent, signed a Antigua have troops. The others regional defence pact in October have small paramilitary units 1982, and St Kitts-Nevis be- Units from a number of came a sixth member of the agreement vesterday. Grenada will join after a government is

term costs before making any enthusiastic proponent of a regional defence force. Among the detence pact

Caribbean countries form part of the peacekeeping force of 750 in Grenada. The Grenadian elected.

All the defence pact countries. except Barbados. are for the 300 American troops members of the Organization of and military police in the island Eastern Carlbbean States which to remain at least until the supported the American action elections, which are expected in Grenada. Before meeting its towards the end of the year.

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the last film with music to leave an audience filled with this much pure CATE BLOOMSBURY

Russia puts

three more

astronauts

into space

Moscow (Reuter) - The Soviet Union launched 2 manned spacecraft yesterday

with a crew of three on board. Tass named the crew of

Soyuz T-10, as Colonel Leonid Kizim, Flight-Engineer

Vladimir Solovyov and Cosmo-

The Soyuz will link up with

the Salvut-7 orbital station and the cosmonauts will carry ou:

scientific, technical, medical

Like all Soviet space missions, the flight was not

announced in advance. Shortly

after Tass broke the news, Soviet citizens watched recorded film of the launch

from the Baikonur Ces-modrome in Central Asia.

The last Soviet space mis-

sion, that of cosmonauts Vladi-

mir Lyakhov and Alexander

Alexandrov, ended on Novemb-

returned to Earth after a total

Fresh meaning has been

given to the "space race" phrase of the 1960s by President Reagan's announce-

ment last month that the

United States would aim to

develop a permanently manual

of 149 days in space.

and biological experiments.

naut researcher Oleg Atkov.

French £400m package for industrial renewal criticized on all fronts

From Diana Geddes, Paris

economic measures, designed to dreds of thousands of workers case the pain of the "reconstrue- are expected to lose their jobs tion and modernization" of over the next few years. French industry, were adopted by the Cabinet yesterday, But General Secretry of the Com-they have already been widely munist-led CGT union, said criticized by unions, employers, after talks with the Prime and the Socialist Party itself.

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The proposals which will form the basis of consultations with the unions over the next three weeks, are expected to ost 5 billion to o billion francs (£400m to £500m) this year. They will affect five main

industrial sectors, all facing serious difficulties; steel, coal. shipbuilding, the car industry telecommunications. Between 10,000 and 15,000 workers may benefit from a paid two-year "retraining leave" proposed for those made

redundant in these sectors.

That is far fewer than envisaged when the Government first spoke of its plans last month (after pressure from the unions). M Pierre Mauroy, Zthe thainthe intention was to carry out industrial "modernization

Proposals for new social and without redundancies". Hun- special measures were to be M Henri Krasucki, the said.

Minister earlier this week, that the Government's plans had aithough not yet wholly lost.

Nothing was irreversible. If workers put forward their views with sufficient force and unity, in part on Britain's free The CGT has recently called for a significant increase in industrial action.

General Secretary of the Socialcreating unfair divisions. On Government's plans, for which billion francs,

taken, and on the other were the thousands of industries equally threatened but forcotten, he

Socialist MPs have expressed concern about the inherent "dualism" in the Government plans. They also wonder where the money is going to come resolved nothing. No proposals from given the attempts to cut had been made for the creation public spending to reduce of jobs, he said, adding that the inflation and what many believe hopes workers had in a left-wing to be President Mitterrand's government were threatened, irresponsible promise to reduce taxes by the equivalent of 60

he believed they would be in a enterprise zones, which were better position to make them-selves heard than in the past, ment's plans, have been replaced by much more modest "industrial converson areas", affecting about a dozen of the M Edmond Maire, the hardest-hit areas.

In addition government aid ist CFDT union, criticized the this year to nationalized indus-ciovernment's measures for tries, costing 12.8 billion francs, will be increased by a further the one hand were the five billion, while aid to private industrial sectors named in the industry will rise from 5 to 7



Kohl answers bitter opposition attack

From Our Correspondent, Bonn

Chancellor Kohl and Here itical culture and the reputation Manfred Worner, the West of the State German Defence Minister. Herr Wil came under bitter Opposition attack in the Bonn Parliament yesterday in a two-hour debate

on the Kiessling affair. The Social Democrats (SPD) accused Herr Kohl of direct had not given satisfactory involvement in Herr Worner's answers to the SPD's questions decision to dismiss General about the background to the Gunter Kiessling, aged 58, as a affair. security risk after reports that he was a homosexual. They said answer all the questions in Herr Kohl had therefore taken detail when he appeared before upon himself responsibility for

Minister to retain his post contradicted the customs of taken into account the interests. Herr Brandt accused the which the general was alleged Parliamentary democracy, pol- of the Federal Republic, the Chancellor of holding on to have been a frequent visitor.

Herr Willy Brandt of the SPD

said a Defence Minister who made his department into a "panic orchestra" was out of place. Herr Jahn and Herr Brandt also said the Chancelior

Herr Kohl said he would the Parliamentary all-party the affair. committee investigating the Herr Gerhard Jahn of the Affair, his decision to rehabili-SPD said that allowing the tate the general and refuse Herr

general and the armed services. Herr Kohl added that he had decided it on his own responsibility. There had been no problems about it in his Conservative-Liberal coalition. He assumed that in the

interests of the security of the cleared up. It was important for Herr Worner's personal credibility that he had admitted his Kiessling affair. own mistakes. Herr Kohl Added: "I am

convinced that the Minister. after his experience will in future perform especially good work for the armed services."

Herr Brandt accused the

reshuffle in which he would have to appoint Herr Franz Josef Strauss, the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU) leader, to a ministerial post.

Herr Worner, who took no part in the debate, appeared frederal Republic all mistakes later yesterday before the that had been made would be cleared up. It was important for mittee as the first of about 25

He is expected to give further evidence today and to be followed next week by General Kiessling and five Cologne detectives who questioned homosexuals in city bars to which the general was alleged to

Herr Worner to avoid a Cabinet

space station.
The Soviet Union has repeatedly sent visiting crews to its semi-permanent series of Salvet space stations and declared its long-term goal of developing an orbital complex made up of several modules.

At a press conference before yesterday's launch, televised later, one of the cosmonouts said it would be "such a long mission", suggesting that it might equal or exceed the

Oleg Atkov is a medical man specializing in beart conditions. who would presumably be able to carry out more complex inflight medical experiments. One of the main questionmarks over long-term space flights is the effect of prolonged weightlessness on human

physiology. Mission commander Leonid Kizim, aged 42, was commander of the Soyuz T-3 spacecraft which linked up with the previous orbital station Salyut-6 in 1980.

G CAPE CANAVERAL: The US shuttle challenger's astronauts went before the camera yesterday to star in a colleague "Cecil B," McNair as their schedule called for rest and experiments before the next walk in space today (AP

Balloon man hailed as hero

Page, Arizona (Reuter) -David Gill, aged 25, an engineer from Oswestry. Shropshire, ignored evacuation orders and shut off valves spewing flammable propane gas over the launch site of a 25-storey-tall bulloon as the rest of the ground crew ran to safety.

The balloon broke loose from its moorings on Tuesday. minutes before Mike Kendrick and Per Lindstrand were to attempt a world altitude record.

Mr Gill was hailed as a hero vesterday. A project spokesman said he stayed behind to close valves on four more propane tanks at the launch site.

"If it had not been for his quick action, things could have hecome very dangerous." But Mr Gill said: "It is something anyone would have done in the The directors of Operation

Sky Quest now have to decide whether to make another stands at 55,134 ft, or return to Britain and try again later.

Spain retreats from anti-Nato stance

while military integration offers ment ought to reconsider the several advantages, a Defence Nato question.

came to power 14 months ago.

committed to a referendum on whether Spain should withdraw. Spain joined the political side of the alliance in May, 1982, but the Socialists, on taking office,

military committee in Brussels. "If we withdrew from Nato. the lost benefits in information

says. Similar arguments were

Withdrawal from Nato would defence committee of the Lower be a retrograde step for Spain. House. He said the Govern-

Ministry study says.

Ministry study says.

It is the second sign within Alfonso Guerra, the Deputy days of subtle changes afoot Prime Minister, who has fresince the Socialist Government quantly recalled the Socialist pledge to advocate the with-

One of the key arguments in the defence report, released by the press department of Senor Narcis Serra, the Defence stopped further integration pending the referendum.

A report prepared by the head of the Defence Planning the multilateral treaty with a Unit at the Ministry reflects series of bilateral agreements what has been learnt from a with Spain, if our full inteyear's observer status on Nato's gration has not been achieved beforehand."

World and European probtems make it difficult to hold and planing... would create a void for the armed forces impossible to fill, the report says.

the referendum now the report says, possily suggesting postponement of the vote.

All the signs are that Señor

councils in Brussels and the visit of President Mitterrand to Essentially the aim is to agree on a fixed limit to community spending, and then to make it impossible for this limit to be

with such a settlement, but only on condition that the share allotted to farm spending is particularly strictly controlled. Felipe Gonzalez, the Prime advanced a few days ago by Minister, wants to link staying Senor Guillermo Galcote, the in NATO with Spain's entry to Socialist chairman of the the EEC by 1986. It is also unlikely to want to find money for some of the the political will for agreement emphasized the great import. (AFP reports).

progress in the EEC has become space station. Faithful to his plan to sound clearer after the latest round of out the opinion of all EEC countries before the next Euro-pean summit in March. President Mitterrand went to

Athens and next Wednesday in Britain could be well satisfied Brussels. His visits have a dual purpose. On the one hand he is trying to work up enthusiasm for the European ideal so that

The French strategy for more grandiose schemes enviscan be created. On the other he cutting through the Gordian aged by President Mitterrrand, is testing how acceptable the language which Mrs Thatcher knot of problems tying up such as a manned European French idea for "capping" could only applaud. EEC spending is among other

France pins its EEC hopes on austerity

member states. French Minister, means to press Luxembourg yesterday to dis-cuss the problems and ideas of posing a strict limit on Comahead with his plan for imthe Community's smallest state. munity spending. He first Tomorrow he will be in suggested it last November, and Mrs Thatcher has described it

as excellent.

But within this overall approach there is still no sign The Community's finance that farm ministers are prepared ministers on Monday found to make any concession which that M Jacques Delors, the will involve any cost to their farmers.
Despite the looming financial

crisis, however, President Mitterrand seems set on a "softly, softly" approach to the March summit

PARIS: French farmers President Mitterrand, speak- have ended a two-day protest ing in The Hague, outlined this against British meat imports, in approach as one of the ways for the course of which they solving the EEC's problems. He invaded French Channel ports

Tonight at 9.30, watch an English boy get sent down for life.



5.00 Television Scrabble. Stephanie Lawrence is the guest star heading the challenging team today.

5.30 Chips Comic. Computer Chips and his friends look at oil drilling, oiling moving parts, and the use of

6.00 Barriers. Benedict Taylor as Billy, an orghaned teenager in search of his parents.

6.30 The Good Food Show. Prue Leith puts the case for stodgy goodies like jam roly-poly, spotted dick, and

7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.50 Comment. Neil Kinnock's first day in Washington.

8.00 Treasure Hunt. Tonight Majorca is the hunting ground for Anneka Rice and her helicopter.

9.00 Soap. The Campbells and the Tates confront each other at a party with hilarious results.

9.30 The Boy in the Bush. It is 1882. Eighteen-yearold Jack Grant is shipped off to Australia by his parents, after being expelled from agricultural college. This fourpart film series, based on a novel by DH Lawrence and ML Skinner, follows Jack's adventures as he grows to manhood in the tough surroundings of the outback, and encounters love and hostility.

10.30 World in Action Special. Gus Macdonald Introduces a special World in Action report which focuses on the Protestant view of Ulster.

11.30 Wish You Were Here...? If you missed it on ITV last Monday, this is another chance to tour Cyprus, visit Chester, and take a motorhome journey through California.

12.00 Stand Your Ground. Practical self-defence for



friends were killed. I became aware of grief — other people's grief, world grief..." Talking quietly, pausing between each word so that she seems at times to have lost direction, only to return with precision to the point - Rosamond Nina Lehmann easily evokes the lost world she transmuted into fiction. She was born on the day of Oueen Victoria's funeral, in 1901, a coincidence "which seemed to give me an unexpectedly distinguished cachet: almost the reflection of a royal nimbus"

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The long reign had ended at last, and a brief golden era was just beginning: the interlude that would end with the submergence of the old order in the mud of the Somme and the Marne. Rosamond Lehmann's birth was timely: her novels were to reflect both the elegance and the transience of the age. They have their roots (Dusty Inswer, 1927) in the well-established Victorian literary tradition. They end in the more complex and shifting novel forms of the twentieth century - though whether you take The Echaing Grove (1953) or A Sea-Grape Tree (1976) as the proper ending is a matter of imagination.

She has described her upbringing as privileged and leisured. Their large house on the Thames at Bourne End was run by servants. The four Lehmann children "had the run of our father's library": watched over by their uncle's portraits of Browning and Wilkie Collins, they read Dickens as soon as they could read anything, and heard stories of their grandparents' friendship with George Eliot. George Henry Lewes. Bulwer Lytton, and Charles Dickens himself. They could not but he aware of three generations of artistic achievement behind them.

Rosamond was devoted to their father. Rudolph C. Lehmann - Punch editor, poet, Liberal MP, and famous Roosevelt wrote home to his parents. Last night Mr Lehmann, the English coach, gave us an informal talk on rowing ... as you probably know, he is about the greatest authority on rowing



The Times Profile: Rosamond Lehmann

It is interesting to compare accounts her novels Miss Lehmann conjures up of this background by Rosamond (second in the family) and John Lehmann, the youngest. He portrays their childhood in broad, vivid strokes; happy, united, stimulating. Her style, in contrast, is that of film: intense cross-cuts isolate moments of intense pain or pleasure, always seen from the outside. She explains: "I always thought: I was different, terribly isolated, thinking nobody understood me. Reading my parents letters to each other after they were dead. I found they were worried about me, I was so oversensitive and anxious. - of whom the youthful think I felt that nobody would understand what my despair was - not that I understood it myself."

She started writing verse at six, and gradually "the feeling of being lockedin and frustrated receded". But the sense of being outside did not; in all the lamplit fascination of other people.

Dusty Answer, written not long after Girton, and drawing on experience there, was an overnight success. A charge made by some critics that the novel displayed an unhealthy obsession with sex ensured its bestseller status. Fan letters came from all over Europe and America; men as well as women offered themselves as soulmates to its lonely author. Rose Macaulay reviewed it somewhat disapprovingly, saying that when she was at Cambridge she and her friends did not think about young men. One letter, signed "Mother of Six", said: "Before consigning your book to flames, would wish to inform you of my disgust that anyone should pen such filth, especial-

All "informed" opinion agreed that

the novel was mere autobiography, and that she would never be heard of again. This Rosamond Lehmann countered with A Note In Music (1930). Invitation to the Walt= (1932), its sequel The Weather in the Streets (1936). The Ballad and the Source (1944), a collection of stories. The Gypsy's Baby (1946), and The Echolog Grove (1953) her last novel for many years. With its complex time-structure and subtle ironies. The Echoing Grove is probably her masterpiece, and stands as a forceful argument against those patronizing detractors who hint that, after all. Lehmann is merely a women's

It has become a critical commonplace to say that Lehmann novels are about love. The Weather in the Streets small cottage I have in Suffolk, and has been called the quintessential novel of "the other women", and it shocked readers in the 1930s by dealing with adultery and abortion. But to sum it all up as "love" is far too simplistic, as she herself agrees.

Rosamond Lehmann's genius is to embody in luminous prose what Cecil Day Lewis called, in the magnificent poem Elegy Before Death: at Settignano (dedicated to R.N.L.), "the potency of farewell". Her two marriages ended, her private life was often deeply troubled; as a teenage girl she watched her splendid and beloved father die of Parkinson's disease, as a woman she heard by telephone of the death of her daughter ... and it is allthis (beyond the mere spotting of originals " for faithless lovers) that gives the novels their depth.

In her conversation, as in her work, Rosamond Lehmann can sometimes seem preoccupied with the appearances of things: beauty in men and women, elegance in clothes and surroundings, all the accoutrements of a certain class at a certain time in British history. Yet it was she who witnessed her own father weeping in that grand library at the death of the groom's little daughter; so the wellmannered or glittering surfaces shift and dissolve, to reveal the terror beneath. It is precisely this tension between exteriority, and inwardness, between the vision (illusion) and reality which lends her work its fine irony. So, in The Weather in the Streets, the easy glamour of Rollo Spencer contrasts with Olivia's loneliness, and the bleak finiteness of their

Not so much love, then, as loss; sides of the same coin. In the novels, the death of a child (abortion, stillbirth, a son killed at war) is a frequent symbol: one that darkly prefigures the bereavement which was to change Rosamond Lehmann's life. Again, she will make the loop back into childhood: recalling that when she was about 10 she was taken to see Macterlinck's The Blue Bird. "There's a moment when the children are in a. graveyard surrounded by tombstones and lillies, and they cry out. But there are no dead'. I distinctly remember nearly fainting with excitement and relief, and thinking, I know that's

Years later, her understanding of that faith is what gives her life meaning. In 1958, Rosamond Lehmann's daughter Sally contracted poliomyclitis in Indonesia, and died suddenly at the age of 22. The shock, and appalling grief, changed the mother's life; her existence was "maimed" and her life as the novelist she had been was over. In a private letter she writes: "I think it true to say that some dimension of creativity dropped off me, so to speak, when that metanoia occurred after Sall left the Earth, I realized, and still do, that I could never write the kind of novel I had always written ... She did, however, move towards a more concentrated and poetic expression of her belief in the life of Sally's spirit. To sum up this conviction in a word so fraught with misunderstanding as "spiritualism" does not do justice to Rosamond Lehmann's profound comprehension of the nature of death, and of the survival of the soul. It is best to read the semi-autobiography

When it came out in 1967 the response was mixed; critics and friends alike were embarrassed (as she had feared) by her exploration of the two taboos: death and its aftermath. Not so now the book brings countless letters from bereaved parents, many of whom visit her to talk about their loss. She sees this as her new work: 'Now I know why I have been left behind. I am vice-president of the College of Psychic Studies and it is a great part of my life . . . a lifeline. I feel I have a role - to tell péople that ideath does not exist. It isn't hard for me to do. It is what I am for." But she was hurt and irritated when her one attempt to write "a novel with a psychic dimension" (4 Sca-Grape Treel met with a callow lack of comprehension.

The Swan in the Evening.

Her sitting room, in the small house in South Kensington, is small and crammed with books. She works on a tray on her knee by the fire, photographs of her two small great-grandchildren at her elbow. She is warm and welcoming pleased to find points of contact and common interest, and fascinated by facts about her visitor's children.

Her grandchildren and great-grand; children are, she says, very important to her; embodying the sense of continuation. "I was talking to may four-year-old great-grandson the other week. He was staying with me in the came into my room early in the morning. I opened one eye, and he said. I'll miss you when you go to heaven'. I told him that we'd keep in touch with one another. Then he said, You're rather old, aren't you? I'm young but I shall get old. When I'm old, will you come and letch me?" Isn't it amazing? He just wanted reassurance that there would be somebody there to receive him. If only I had somebody to give a promise like that!"

She will watch Crown-Court-on thetelevision in the afternoon, and be riveted by the jury's verdict; read new novels by Alice Thomas Ellis and Anita Brookner; keep abreast of literary gossip. Though friends press her to write another novel, she asserts that she is content with things as they are. But she was very excited by what she calls her "resurrection," by Virago. who republished novels long out of print, and brought Rosamond Leh-mann back to a public which wondered why she had for so long been neglected. She chuckles. "It is sheer delight, pleasure, surprise. My grandchildren did not really think of me as a writer. Recently my son Hugo told me that his son Guy had just read. The Weather in the Streets, and was bowled over! It's marvellous to have a new generation of readers. They identify, you see. The world may have changed, but the human problems stay the same."

She says, with a complete absence of sadness or tiredness, that she willwelcome death. "I ain very screne now; I have complete peace of mind. I do get, slightly depressed when the arthritis is bad, and I dread to live to be a burden. bad, and I dread to live to be a burden.

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Bel Mooney

Rosamond Lehmann's The Weather in the Streets, adapted by Juhan Mitchell, will be shown on BBC2 on Sundayat 9.30 pm.

Russell Davies

Ghastly Gastein

By now, the more provident and sensible among you should already have laid your hets officially termed "deposits", on which of the tour operators is likely to be still operating when summer comes round. However, there is still time to take advantage of February's special' offers, many of which include tempting extras, such as free travel and accommodation for one child between the ages of 2 and 3, and reduced-price ski passes for

The British Booking Centre advises that the best bargains are now available at the less fashionable resorts, and that particularly good value-for-money deals may be obtained at the locations we list below (extracts from brochure by permission of Intapanta Ltd.). Please note that all bookings quoting this exclusive Times Newspapers code (SEP.3/1939) will qualify for a free Arab feast of spicy, couscous and sheeps' eyes on all routes traversing the Bay of Biscay, whether by air or sea.

Unterammergau: Take me to your Lederhosen! This is surely one of the sleepiest villages in the Tyrol, except in Leap Year, when the inhabitants bend themselves to the task of producing their famous Ration Play. This ancient text, commemorating the legendary food shortages of the thirteenth century is performed for the benefit of villagers by a specially auditioned cast of tourists. It could be you! (Take packed lunch.)

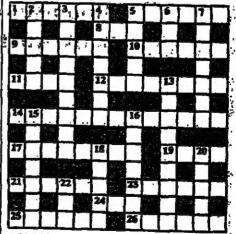
Outsbruck: Quite a long way from Irusbruck especially in terms of provision of amenities. But an excellent centre for walks to local beauty spots such as Bad Gastein. Good Gastein. and Gastein Gastein Buses are few and far between but the accommodation at the Hotel Niemand is extremely available. Wellidorm: This new resort on Spain's

undiscovered Costa Munga in just beginning to make an impact. Expressly, ?? designed (and built) for the British visitor, its 38 hooligan-proof bars will challenge your ingenuity. A thoughtfully, constructed chrome-and-glass Shopping Centre makes you feel right at home, and there are elegant, rambling graffiti to complete the effect. At the 9,000-bed Hotel Punta, a helpful photomontage above each bidet shows how it should be used, and why. Cisco's Disco is a 24-hour affair, like most of what goes on in Wellidorm - and here's a novel touch -Watney's Red Barrel is available from. standpipes on the beach.

Dedios: Give Greece a chance! Only 12 hours by trawler from Piraeus is the endlessly sun-kissed island of Dedlos. part of that forgotten corner of the Cyclades which also includes Thermos. Kolynos. Maizos and Jolos. Here you can forget your cares and lie-in the sun with a glass of ouzo at your elbow, or, alternatively sit in the shade with a glass of reistna balanced on your head. And for that special occasion, why not lie in the sun with a glass of retsina and vice versa? Anything goes on beautiful Dedlos, except the ferry to Ifpos and Givatos.

Dallas (pronounced Dath-las): A littleknown village in Gwynedd, North Wales. remarkable for its traditional feuds between slate magnates. Every year we return to this tiny community hoping it isn't there any more. No luck so far,





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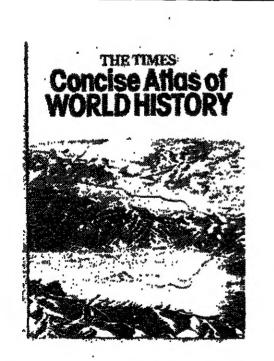
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Fiction of the fortnight

The novelist as a subject

The Paper Men By William Golding (Faber, £7,93).

The Paper Men tells us that biography is the trade of the con man, a fatuous accomplishment, and the height of impertinence in both meanings of the word. Biographers, particularly of living writers, can be tricked into believing any rubbish and deserve whatever they get, most of all whenthey happen to be rummaging through the dustbins for old photo-

graphs on the night the writer's marriage begins to break up.

William Barclay, the narrator of William Golding's new novel, is a drunken novelist and stained glassfancier in late middle age, with one good book to his credit, and an ocuvre substantial enough to keep the researchers of Middle America in contented collating. He is modest about his talent - "I hit the jackpot. Someone has to" - but ferocious about keeping his privacy to himself. Enter Rick Tucker, hairy ape from Nebraska, with a brief from a ruthless billionaire to acquire Barclay's papers. have himself appointed literary executor and official biographer.

It is hard to tell from The Paper Men what kind of novelist Barclay is meant to be, because The Paner Men is not a very good book. A comedy is intended, I think, if only because farce and comedy are quite often men-tioned as having just taken place, but the handling is clumsy and it is fairly. unfunny compared even to the more successful sections of, say The Pyramid (1967).

The trouble is partly that others

have covered much of the terrain thoroughly before him, parily that he has done so himself. From *The* Aspern Papers on, the unscrupulous-ness of the scholar in pursuit has hardly been classified information, and Auden, Burgess, Bradbury, Updike, and Amis have all written well about the peculiar crassness of American literati on the campus treadmill. Golding's Rick Tucker is a dull creature indeed beside Russell Gwinnett. The lago of the international seminar set in Anthony

Powell's Temporary Kings.

None of these precedents would matter if Golding had brought the themes of the genre into livelier contact with his own talents for obsession and intensity, but the dizziness of ambition was handled far better in The Spire, the metamorphosis of human into animal in Lord of the Flies. The best of Golding's work produces truth out of a refining fire, but The Paper Men rarely catches alight at all, and the bathos of inflation threatens to engulf;

Oh God, oh God, oh God, the process, link hy link, we don't know what will come from this seed, what ghastly foliage and flowers, yet come it does, presenting us with more and more seeds, multions, until the whole of

Paper is the fragile element uniting Tucker and Barclay as the former pursues the latter back and forth across Europe, through landscapes deliberately left vague, save for a Sicilian island (Stromboli?) and Switzerland which like Graham Greene in Dr Fischer of Geneva, a far better book, Golding employs as a setting for banal grandeur and moral

mischief. Tucker, desperate for the commission and caught between a merciless patron and an elusive genius, throws his young wife first at Barclay, who is tempted but declines, then at the patron who snaps her up.

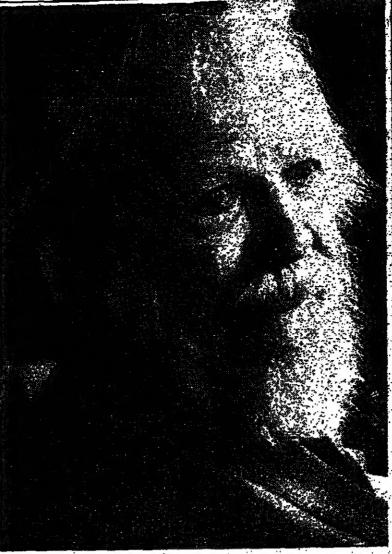
One by one crucial events and symbols are banged into place like piers under an eccentric bridge. Tucker saves Barclay from a death fall in the fog, but Barclay later discovers hey were on a gentle Alpine slope and that Tucker knew all the time (this may be taken to parody Ibsen, or Golding himself): a terrifying encoun-ter with a statue of Christ-Pluto on the island, well described, reminds Barclay that he has always believed in God and that he is damned. Stigmatic pains in hands and feet start to case after a dream in which he is led down the Spanish Steps in Rome by a kindly figure into a world of love without sex, the reverse of his own.

The happiness induced by this

dream gives him the strength to emerge from hiding himself pursue and humiliate Tucker and see again his ex-wife, now in the last days of cancer. The vicar at her funeral tells him not to worry about being Christ: he is most likely just one of the thieves on either side. A (caricatured) homosexual acquaintance tells Barclay he is exoskeletal, like a lobster; his bones are on the outside and the worms are devouring the soft flesh within. He stops drinking.

There is more, but not a lot, and a surprise ending contrives to suggest that Rick Tucker has allowed The Paper Men itself to be published. A

Michael Ratcliffe



William Golding: obsession and intensity

Classic satire of Spain

La Regenta By Leopoldo Alas

(Allen Lane, £14.95) The Stain By Rikki Ducornet

(Chatto & Windus, £7.95)

The biggest novel this week, in every sense, is the first English translation of La Regenta by the Spaniard Leopoldo Alas, first published in 1885. Here is the perfect book for a desert island: very long and so densely written that you skip at your peril, an absorbing account of a claustrophobic society explored with unexpectedly modern powers of

The story is slight; it concerns the seduction of La Regenta, the judge's wife, in the provincial town of Vetusia. The question is, which seducer will succeed. for two men are passionately in pursuit, Don Alvaro of her hody, Don Fermin, the canon theologian, of her soul. Ana herself is bored to despair with her mariage blane to the elderly Don Victor and with the

illness that Dr Freud, had he been in business there at the time, would have diagnosed as observation: of Don Victor hysteria. She veers neurotically declaiming poetry alone in the between the Don Juan and the small hours, grotesquely dressed in red flannel jacket and green innocently sees as soul brothers. innocently sees as soul brothers.. Much to the alarm of her husband, who would "sooner." see her seduced than fanaticized", she seems to be finding the comfort she craves in the bosom of the church when the sudden revelation of the man beneath the soutane shocks her into a new awareness of her

All the while a Chorus of Vetustans scrutinizes every move in this complicated game. aware, as Ana disastrously is not, that the prime mover

situation.

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throughout is sex, and adding their weight to whichever side longueurs; one would need to be on a desert island to sort out suits their own particular ambitions. What makes this pre-Freu-

dian novel so remarkable is the patience. But it is hard to write interplay between the characabout boredom without becomters, and the subtle distinctions between deliberate and subenthusiastic introduction by conscious bahaviour. The John Rutherford, who is also theme of provincial frustration responsible for the vigorous and was not new; Madame Bovacy idiomatic translation. vapidity of Vetusian society. anticipated La Regenta by some Without memories of a happy 30 years. Nor are the individual childhood to fall back on, she characters of great interest, takes refuge in the kind of except in each other's eyes.

hare - the mark of Satan - on the face of a girl child born in panic and squalor and an excess of blood in a village in France. Again, the time is the 1880s, but here nothing has changed in hundreds of years, and the images evoked in relentless detail recall Brueghel and Bosch rather than Millet. Everything that moves is ripe for violation in this tale of witchcraft, superstition, and sex, as The Exorcist pursues his victim through village, convent, and forest, from infancy to puberty The atmosphere is steamy and pungent and Rikki Ducornet gazes malevolently from the dust-jacket, daring the world to challenge her indubitably powerful nightmare vision. Not

brandishing a sword; of Don Alvaro self-consciously limber-

ing up for the grand seduction: of Don Fermin incoherent with

jealousy and lust. But Alas has a

wider aim; his real targets are

institutions, the established

church and a conservative

society that promotes ignorance in the interests of self-preser-

vation, and where innocence

born of that ignorance proves as

culpable as viciousness and

guile. La Regenta is their

Undeniably, the book has

me of the minor characters

sub-plots without im-

tedious. I recommend the

for the squeamish. Isabel Raphael | sexual film director.

Fine first novel from India

Paro

By Namita Gokhale (Chayo & Windus, £7.95) The Colonel's

Daughter By Rose Tremain (Hamish Hamilton, £8.95)

One of the epidemics which cated nor is the pain when Paro decimated the Tehuelche in- pulls out lumps of her hair "like dians of southern Patagonia was an avenging fury" on finding caused by some contaminated she has written a book about wastepaper. As a result the tribe her. In fact the author is so held a deep suspicion of the detached that she almost loses written word. This suspicion, I control of her story so that its often find in reading my week's structure, determined by Paro's batch of fiction, is not necessarily confined to the Tehuel death, begins to take on the ches. How refreshing then to shape of her cleavage which is come upon a first novel such as constantly wobbling out of its

Namita Gokhale is only 27.

but her highly-flavoured tale of the passions and jealogsies of a group of middle-class Indians is observed with the assurance and the subtlety of an extremely from Bombay who sees herself as an unmoved voyeur teven when kissing the love of her life - a flabby manufacturer of sewing machines known only as BR she is "detachedly clinical"). For the bulk of the novel she casts her kohled eye on Paro a self-dramatizing beauty with crinkling green eyes, an arrogance without portfolio, and a scorpion wit. Always exuding the civet smell of recent sexual activity". Paro inspires in the men she meets something between a leer and a salute.

its narrator. Priva's account of Paro's rise and fall is instinctively honest, intelligent and undemanding. My criticism of this otherwise compelling debut is that Priya's participation in the saga is too vicarious her stance too distant. The profundity of her avowed affection for BR, whom she intermittently bumps into

on his whistlestop tour of the female sex, is not communi-

Rose Tremain made a big splash with her last novel. The Cuphoard, which quite rightly placed her at the forefront of Young British writers. This collection of short stories finds seasoned writer. Priva: the her clinging again to the side of narrator, is an ordinary, plain the pool, the reason being that suited to the women's maga-zines in which they first appeared. Current Account, for instance, is a perfectly succulent but utterly unremarkable piece about a Princess with still estimable legs whose young lover - a sculptor - so resents his need of her money that he goes off with her spindly daughter.

Occasionally, by way, one feels, of experiment, Rose Tremain makes a few strokes in a new direction. One story, of Though Priva never convinces an actor who gets the part of the reader of her professed love Buckingham in a feature film for Paro, it is clear she loves - to and actually falls for the man the point of obsession - what who plays James I, purports to the woman gets up to first with be his exercise in a "Make BR whom she marries, then Money by Writing" course; with everyone from a buck- another takes the form of an toothed cricketer to a homo-interview given to a local sexual film director. journalist by a randy but

ancient peer. For the most part, though, the author treads the same water - which means a few locations in France, the odd blimpish colonel, and the constant examination of the way in which people use each other and how relationships

Nothing wrong with that except in many of these stories she overeggs the pudding with characters who are always rearranging flowers or burbling bits of poetry (even her lawyers have poets' faces). Her prose, which is naturally elegiac in tone and rhythmic in metre, tends to smother much of the life she is capable of breathing into these characters. ("And the menopausal Penelope mourned the dying out of beauty.") Though pain squats deep within them they seem to have great trouble in crying. There's always someone "in search of tears that refused to come". My harshness is to some extent a measure of my disappointment. Only in A Shooting Season does she show what she can do, with the tender exposure of a selfish poet. On discovering his present wife has a lover, he seeks consolation in the arms of his ex-wife who has tried to replace the loss of him by writing a novel. This is also what Rose Tremain should return to.

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Reality and Rhetoric By Peter Baner

Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £17.95)

Lord Baner has for 30 years been Professor of Economics at been Professor of Economics at the LSE, specializing in development studies. For much of that time he has used his expertise to maint out the false premises of the development and aid lobbies which have grown up in the wake of the departing European empires. An earlier book of his Dissent on Development (1972), was described by its anonymous but singry reviewer as the ultimate trahiston des ciercs. Undeterred he went du in 1981 to publish he went du in 1981 to publish Equality, the Third World and Economic Delicion, which pressed home his stracks and now Reality and Rhetoric. Nost of his books are collections of essays, lectures or reviews, hased on research which ques-tions conventional and received tions conventional and received opinion about development. There is no barm is that if you think sometting is worth saying once, it is normally worth repeating bioreover, this latest offering as with its predecessors, is fail of original and profound work.

Given its polemical nature, this book is understandably written in bard assertive prose. implacable in its argument and sparing in appressions. Baser's earliest works are recognized as-classics in their field of scholarships, the later ones, however, are directed more at the laity.

This book starts with a revised form of the first lecture in the World Bank's pioneer lectures delivered at the Book two years ago. Bauer was one of six economists asked to lecture on what he considered to be his particular contribution to the study of development economics in Bauer's case the conclusions he drew from a study of the rubber industry in South East Asia and the organization of trade in former British West Africa, His observations led him to the conclusion that comprehensive central planning was certainly not necessary for ic advance and was more likely to retard it. Studies of the workings of official foreign aid led to the same

indispensable for the progress of poor countries and it often served to underwrite and prolong extremely damaging poli-

But perhaps the most original piece in this volume is a devastating attack on papal propaganda about international propagamen aroun international poverty. Bauer accuses the Vatican of "legitimizing cury." by suggesting in two papal messages that economic differences reflect injustice. They lead the Valley to produce land. the Vatican to condemn landowners as a class, and to propose a world economic authority to impose its will on all governments. "The Pope's remarkably commonplace. There is nothing distinctively Christian or Catholic about them" he writes. "They are to be found, for example, in so Brandt Report. Articulate clergymen and many academics are suspicious of and hostile to people engaged in the process of making money, and they affect a supercilious disdain for its results, he says. Yes indeed, we know of them; we read them more often in print than we do the Bauers of this world.

Baver asserts that the docu ments are immoral since they cary - was of the official seven deadly sins - may be legitimate. He suggests that there is a confusion about charity, aggrarated by churchmen who have lost their faith and accept with credulity many items, which conflict with reality, let alone morality. He recalls Chesterion's quote: "When men cease to believe in a deity, they do not believe in nothing they then simply believe in anything

Bauer's books are essential reading for anybody who is tempted to believe that once a conventional wisdom, it is time to question the convention. They are as much a stimulus in themselves, as for the many revealing quotations of other writers which are included in the text.

Paperbacks on Saturday include Simon Raven, Zionism, The Memoirs of an Anti-Semite, and E. F. Benson and the rehirth of the

Weidenfeld & Nicolson and Victoria Glendinning acknowledge that there is no justification for the

remarks attributed to the late Lady Sackville in VITA -The Life of V. Sackville West

concerning Lord Roderic Pratt and they apologise to Lord Roderic Pratt for any embarrassment that the publication of those remarks may have caused. All future editions of the biography including the forthcoming paperback version will or have beenamended by deleting the reference.

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Cul-de-Sac.

By John Wainwright (Macmillan, £7.50) The sleep induced by the

Sandman is violent and permanent, He has killed, for pleasure and mostly at random, 18 men and women. The diary of a psychopathic mass murderer is not the easiest vehicle for a novelist to attempt in his first book, but Gibson is largely successful, even if he does not entirely convince that a multiple killer's mind works in quite such a humdrum way. Gibson's strength is his exceptional skill in describing

commonplace detail and mood. The taity seaside hotel of the Sandman's childhood, the streets of London as he searches for a new victim, and the house in Victoria, and its occupants. where he comes to live, are sketched unerringly and evocatively. The intrusion of the terrifyingly abnormal into this depressed matter-of-fact world makes compelling and frighten-

ing reading. The cover of Cul-de-Sac is plastered with wildly enthusi-astic comments from no less than Georges Simenon. They are difficult to live up to, and wright a disservice by pitching the reader's expectations so high. It is an ambitious, wellwritten, and interestingly struc-

the issue is simple; did John Duxbury push his wife over the cliff, or did she fall accidentally? The coroner plumped for the latter, but Sergeant Harker is not satisfied. Sensitive entries from the suspect's diary mingle effectively with the robust narrative of the investigation, and the denouement is effective. if melodramatic.

A Lovely Day to Die, by Celia Fremlin (Gollancz, £6.95). Chilling short stones on the theme of death. Overwhelming atmosphere of simmering hatred and wickedness among the trivia of daily intercourse. The old and the unloved are Fremlin's speciality, and she makes death, to them, welcome or repulsive, but always near at hand. Wonderfully written, subtle and disturbing.

Vicar's Roses by, Jon Breen (Macmillan, £6.95). Witty canter through California's horseracing world. Jockey in full racing regalia murdered on statue of equine hero. Racing commentator, love-life at stake, investigates. Convincing back-ground and sharp dialogue more than compensate for overeccentric aunt and attendant charlatans.

The Gondola Scam, by Jonathan Gash (Collins, £6.95). are difficult to live up to, and Engaging antiques rogue Love may have done John Wain joy on and under Venenan canals in search of fakes and frauds. Gash's knowledge of the villainous end of the antiques trade is profound and com-

pace. Lovejoy is an original, half-crook half-sleuth, uncertain which side of the law to back and whose bed to fill. He stumbles on a conspiracy as tortuous as the canals them-

Pel and the Predators, by Mark Hebden (Hamish Hamilton, £3.95). The beguiling Inspector Pel. proud Burgundian, investigates murders nearly 40 years apart. Impeccable French provincial ambience, unexaggerated flics, and a well-constructed solution. Hebden proves again that few understand Gallic cops better than English writers.

Natural Causes, by Jonathan Valin (Collins, £6.95). Scandal and death in the bizarre and bitchy world of soap opera. Cincinnati private eye Harry Stoner goes to Los Angeles armed with small-city morality and a perceptive feel for the empty seediness of the rich and

A Conflict of Interests, by Clive Egleton (Hodder and Stoughton, £8.95). The killing of a blackmailing call-girl has the intelligence service jumpy and possessive. But dogsed policeman refuses to be pushed off the truth. Mr Plod versus DI5, with an ex-CIA killer intervening.

Rainbows end in Tears, by David Fletcher (Macmillan, £6.95). Question obsessing peace-worker; was his father a brutal child-killer? Only papa's murderess, newly released from prison, knows for sure. Marcel Berlins

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THE ARTS

Television A lovely sort of boredom

Those Rayners at Hollywood Harrow-on-the-Hill House. have they got something going "We are so devoted it's a joke" said Mrs Rayner, an agony aunt read and watched by millions with nothing to mar her joy other than the dreadful feeling that one day mortality must

Claire and Desmond were telling how it is in Edward Mizoeff's The Other Half, which is going to be a diverting half-hour on BBC1 for the next five weeks as disparate couples. each consisting of a known and unknown, expose themselves to our gape and, as they are volunteers, risk our con-

Mrs Rayner began last night at a racing pace. Tranquillized, one would imagine she would appear rather extrovers. They married in 1957. An unresolved problem with her parents meant that an uncle gave her away. Since then, as the song says, it don't seem a day too much,

Desmond Rayner is a failed actor, a former public relations man and, lately - for we saw his first exhibition at the Barbican patronized by the American Ambassador - a painter. Mainly he looks after Claire's affairs. for she hates money and it bores

Boredom threatens constantly, for the money pours in. Being in demand where agony admits no other solution is only part of it. She has historical novels selling in 19 countries and one of them alone brough in £248.750 for the paperback rights, disturbing Mrs Rayner's ennui sufficiently for her to remember it. Seventy per cent of her income, she said, came

Six part-time secretaries attend her in Hollywood House. A beauty brigade who descend to do their best for her add to the traffic. Desmond is mostly around, though they have separate telephones.

He does not mind being in the shadow at all: he feels that with Claire he has got quantity and quality. Every week he hands her £15 pocket-money. keeping that boredom to a bearable minimum.

Everywhere they go they have double beds. Confronted with single beds, said Desmond, irrespective of the native tongue, he said "matrimoniale". Their three children, two boys, aged 21 and 16, and a girl aged 24, joined the celebration. One boy, said Claire, had been temporarily suspended from public school for being at a pot party. Her fame had caused undue publicity. The other son had dropped out of university.

They were all boisterously happy. Desmond and Claire touching and kissing exuding bliss by the bucketful. "If one of us is away", said Claire, "the other wilts". I could quite believe it.



Steuart Bedford: "A lot remains to be solved"

endured the thing, especially

when an uncut performance

with all of the prologue, five

acts and concluding masque,

would probably be of Gotter-

dammerung proportions, and

especially when one knows

from their comedies that Pur-

cell's contemporaries were not

lacking in theatrical sophisti-

tradition has been lost. We

know a little of how formalized

the acting conventions of late

seventeenth-century tragedy

were, and we may guess that the

music scemed less a decorative

appendage when everything was

style. To perform The Indian

Queen without some recompense for that style is bound

to be as hopeless as to do a Noh

play as if it actually meant

and superb decadence that might make the piece work are,

however, beyond the resources

of a university society, and one

must be grateful for the rare

opportunity to glimpse some-thing of The Indian Queen at

Among the acting cast, David

Roberts as Montezuma stands

out for his ability to persuade us

that there is a real person

struggling to get through the

Tessa Bonner, who gives a

sweet, simple account of the

work's hit song, "I attempt from

love's sickness to fly". Denis Arnold in the pit does his best

with a band inclined to carry

Purcell's chromaticism as far

forward as Ligeti.

The rhetoric, exquisiteness

The answer must be that a

Owen Wingrave has hitherto seemed Britten's least effective opera, but this year's Aldeburgh Festival plans to reinvigorate it. Hilary Finch reports

The theatre of undiminished faith

day, interest is likely to focus sharply the Britten-Pears School's new on the Britten-Fears School's new production of Owen Wingrave. Britten's operatic adaptation of Henry James's ghostly story of the son who rebels against his family's military tradition is still widely regarded as the runt of his operatic brood. Was it an opera for television, or a television opera? How should it find its audience? It intrigued and and, although it had its champions, was little more at ease when transferred to the swamping space of Covent Garden two years later.

Steuart Bedford, who conducted Wingrave's first stage performance as well as that of Death in Venice, and who has been an artistic director of the festival for 10 years, has decided to resurrect Wingrave and bring it back to Snape. How does he defend his decision against charges which continue to be levelled against the work - that the piece, for instance, is crudely propagandist in its exploitation of a mass audience to preach a parable of pacifism and protest?

"Well Britten never said anything along those lines to me. I think he'd simply been very impressed with Coleman's work on the

Grimes, and, although it had all been wearing, his faith was undiminished He was glad of a commission which gave him the opportunity to get more things right. I must say I disliked the television concept from the start: the one-sidedness of not being able to choose what one wanted to look at. felt once we'd got the work into the theatre it was much more successful. It may be thought of as Britten's

least successful work, but we've had very little chance to savour it in performance and to reappraise it. A lot, of course, remains to be solved, yes. The first three scenes are problematical, difficult to get off the ground. And there's one scene in narticular, where Winerave is sitting, musing, in the park and he's interrupted by the Horse Guards. Suddenly it turns into a scene of massacre. The music does it all for you, but it's really difficult to portray on stage. Perhaps one could use cinematic projection. I wonder what Basil Coleman will do in June.

John Piper will be adapting his original scenery for the characteristically skeletal conditions of the Britten-Pears School end-of-term performance, and there will be two casts of young singers, taking roles-originally created by Benjamin Luxon, Peter Pears, John Shirleyposer from another culture whose music we shall be able to explore through works like A Flock Descends

into the Pentagonal Garden, to be given its Britisk première by the CBSO and Simon Rank, and in four films for which be wrote the music.

And there is to be more new Britten: a histerio imdiscovered. Gerard Manley Hopkins setting to be performed by the BBC Northern Singers is there much more un-known Britten waiting to be brought to light? "Well," Donald Mitchell, who has the archives, does find these odd pieces, and I'm sure there are loads of songs still unpublished. But pethaps not a lot more mature stuff.
Though who knows? We had great fun three years ago digging but some of the theatre music, and it'll be a long time until that's heard again." How does Aldeburgh fit into

Quine Jennifer Vyvyan, Jeset Bakes Steuart Bedfurd's developing career? and Heather Harper. Things fook a slightly different animals from Britten-Pear's School has show the English Music Taleatte played a large part in the evolving finally folded, and the opera side of role of the festival. Its presence has encouraged the concept of a complete go to South America and I took on the English Sinfonia, which a still an exchool and its orchestral Last year it immensely important part of any was Lutoslawski, and this year Torn work. After the Rape of Exercise at the Colescian, Bedford still prefers to be flexible enough to take on a wide one who really got that going variety of work with the Nasional poser from another culture whose concerts to Talle a reachierted. incinents of the rest of the same of the s Canada; or a new open based on a Nexuda play for Cologne make season.

The biggest challenge at the moment is simply to find a programme to build around my Death in Fenice suite for this summer at Aldeburgh It's a sort of bind seye view of the opera - alte-overture, beach dances, realization of love, interlude, chase, and back to the beach. But we've had terrible difficulties curting back the our most expensive concerts, and this one needs trombones, tube five percussion as well as the average chamber orchestra. So see have to find other pieces with lots of percession and only a small complement of strings. I have got some ideas how, and I just hope we might be able to rescue it."

Opera Lost tradition

The Indian Queen.

The baroque semi-opera has always seemed an unlikely institution, and I fear its claims are not strongly urged by the Oxford University Opera Club's attempt to find something to revive in The Indian Queen.

Playhouse, Oxford

This was Purcell's last important work for the theatre, but that suggests something of visdom and maturity, forget it. Purcell was not asked for such thins, his task being rather to add a few songs, dances and choral scenes to a Dryden play that had been around for 30 years, a heroic drama set in Mexico just before the Spanish conquest.

To summarize the plot would be tedous, and quite beyond my capabilities. Besides, the interest of the pieceis not there. Dryden's play presents us with queens, warriors and princes moved by the most generalized sentiments of Honour, Magnanimity. Love and Disdain to speak in regular patterns of rhyming couplet and quatrain, while the music, such as it is, takes over a few exotic corners of the drama; most notably a sceneof apparitions in the third act, the kind of thing Purcell

was well used to supplying. As usual in this genre, the speaking and singing casts rarely meet and do not even seem to to be in the same world, since the score is as pretty as the play is grand.

One wonders how audiences Dennis Hackett of the time could possibly have

Theatre Rents

Lyric, Hammersmith

Having missed Michael Wilshowings and finally read it. I can understand (and am grateful for) the Lyric's latest revival, closely following Mr Wilcox's enjoyed Accounts on Channel 4. You would hardly believe that a truthful play about Edinburgh rent-boys could be so charming, so full of pawky humour and so unsqualid. And, one might add, so sad without being sentimental or predictable.

Phil and Robert, indeed, are not rough trade. They are really beaux de jour, for Phil is a drama student and Robert sells jeans. Arriving in a city too restless, too poor and too pretty, they have found "rent" an unbreakable habit, eating up its own profits by making money as cheap and transitory as the sex that earns it. They are gritty, intelligent as well as streetwise, but too young to see plainly what it does to them, or how to make a life with better excitements.

Mr Wilcox, a Tyneside teacher, first assembled the play from the taped recollections of a boy he met, and, sure enough enter Richard, an Eng Lit lecturer seconded from Newcastle and a bachelor nest where he savours his record collection, ica in the temptation. Played by Paul Jesson with great charm and understanding, here is a civi-lized person with affection and so many pleasures to share. But just as the boys cannot think themselves out of using their sex-appeal - Phil for coaching on Godot, Robert for a free pad - so he, like the other shy gays who buy a half-hour with them after a day at the office, has no alternative to hated gay bars or dreary suburban groups, back to fireside Mozart. Result



Kenny Ireland (right) as the beery slob who gets the laughs, with Stevan Rimkus

Fortunately for us, these are witty people and the bleak ironies of their interplay are ing a bit more projection to fill sketched in with the light touch out they need. William Gaskill's production has this in hand but, like his recent She Stoops and Relapse at this address, is inexplicably muted. On this big stage, this little play needs more spirit and speed. Most of the laughs went to Kenny Ireland, in his element as the beery slob Eddie pursuing Phil's mother's girlfriend (did you get that?), lurching cockily catastrophes, a doomed amateur in the boys semicriminal demi-monde.

out alert and touching portrayals, grasp the essential touching underpinning element the dominating commercial sense that makes any job seem like prostitution rewritten, that keeps Eddie's girlfriend stringing him along and even motivates Richard's record purchases. Robert McIntosh expertly doubles a selection of pathetic clients with a very nasty pederastic pimp sporting. Disraeli toupee and a.

flick knife. Anthony Masters

The Dance of Death Arts, Cambridge

Strindberg considered The Dance of Death to be his best play and - having seen this opinion endorsed by the Olivier version - 1 have never understood why it is thought necession to take the work in band and correct its excesses. Nobody thinks of telling Ibsen what he ought is have written.

Discrements play Standboy which converted the piece. into a comic sporting every was process. Now Ted Whitehead adapts Strindberg's marital prison into one of total claustrophobia, closing up all avenues of escape and ending with a cyclic recap of the opening lines where Edgar and

another evening in each other's detested company. In a programme note. Mr Whitehead acknowledges the enormous influence" of The Dance of Death on postwar drame. But the trouble with looking at the piece through a back perspective of Osborne. Albee and Mr Whitehead's own work is that the main attention focuses on the character of Edgar - the viciously sourced captain who hauled himself up through the ranks and married into the gentry. Edgar's dialogue crackles marvellously in Mr Whitehead's version, spraying out army slang and the murderous coinages of the domestic battlefield. Unfortunately, the same does not go for his wife Alice or their luckless visitor

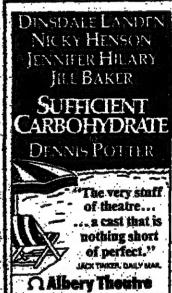
Alice are glumly contemplating

Kurt, whose language remains untouched by any personal fire.
This imbalance dictates the quality of Gordon McDougaif's Oxford Playhouse production There is nothing wrong with Barbara lefford's Alice and David Collings's Kurt except that they are no match for Reginald Marsh's Edgar What the show presents is an unequal combat between two straight players and a master joker.

Sprinders himself is said to have identified most closely with the figure of Kurt, the well-meaning survivor of amother hellish marriage. In this production he comes over as a helpless victim, pulled this way and that as the partners try to enlist hun as an ally against the other. The part is vital as it represents the desire - universal represents the desire - universal in all unhappy marriages - for an importal judge to decide which partners is in the wrong. But blineigh sach appeals are made during the evening noticely could missake this Kurskor such a judge.

Miss Jefford, magnificently imperious as ever, sails through her role fully armed with implacable venom and sexual challenge, but without showing any capacity for role-playing. Whereas Mr Marsh, even when expiring from a heart attack. clanking in from the parade ground or simply inviting his visitor to a drink, is invariably playing a viciously funny game whose rules the others have not grasped.

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Berio in charge

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Luciano Berio is the new director of the Maggio Musicale in Florence, which opens this year on May 5. The theme of Orpheus runs through the festival, and Monteverdi's Orfeo will be conducted by Roger Norrington at the Palazzo Vecchio for four performances starting on June 18 ances starting on June 18. A modern transcription of the same work, using pop techniques, will be staged by Luca Ronconi at the Piazza Santa Spirito at the end of June.

Among the orchestras visiting the Maggio are the Philadelphia (conducted by Riccardo Muti), the Israel Philharmonic (Leonard Bernstein) and the Or-chestre de Paris (Daniel Barenboim). Rigoletto, as previously announced on this page, will be staged by Yuri Lyubimov at the Teatro Comunale. The cast includes Piero Cappuccilli, Edita Gruberova and Peter Dvorsky.

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The Great British Music Festival, having endured some violently unfavourable press criticism and disappointing audiences, lumbered back on Tuesday for its second leg of

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three concerts, with a programme which was about the most purposeful of the six. It included a really great British piece. Vaughan Williams's Sixth Symphony, and it presented a new work: George Lloyd's Fourth Piano Concerto slipped through the festival's time limit of 1975 because it was written in outline in 1970, although only scored last year. From operas for pre-war Covent Garden and the post-war Festival of Britain, to

market gardening in Dorset and back to full-time composing is a refreshingly unconventional career for a composer and Lloyd's music, too, is refreshingly unconventional in its confidence and drive.

This Concerto is certainly lively, veering from the striding unisons of its opening to the cheerfully Waltonesque sequences of the finale, while at times giving a whilf of inter-war British lyricism in the Bliss-Lambert vein and even a touch of light-hearted Stravinsky in his Capriccio mood.

There are some startlingly lovely moments which demon-strate that Lloyd is a composer of real sensibility - none more so than the evaporation of the

first movement shortly before its close into misty harmonies and genule piano sonorities. That achieved an eloquence that the bigger, self-consciously Rachmaninov-like tunes did not quite attain (and the slow section of the finale was positively sanctimonious by comparison).

At times the writing seems rather crude, as when the piano's spiky running thirds are pitted against a three-note figure in the brass. And there is often an uncomfortable feeling of a lack of direction; both harmonic and stylistic: one feels the music could twist itself into and out of any corner. . The composer directed this

exuberant first performance, in which Kathrya Stott played the solo part with quite remarkable forthrightness and command. The LSO seemed to be back on form again: under Eduardo Mata, Walton's Partita at the start of the concert was a miracle of effectiveness with not a glimmer of content, while Vaughan Williams's Sixth emerged until the Epilogue lost momentum - as uncommonly strident and angry. It was less a picture of the Second World War than a cry of pain and a lament for a world that war overturned for ever.

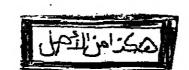
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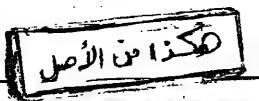
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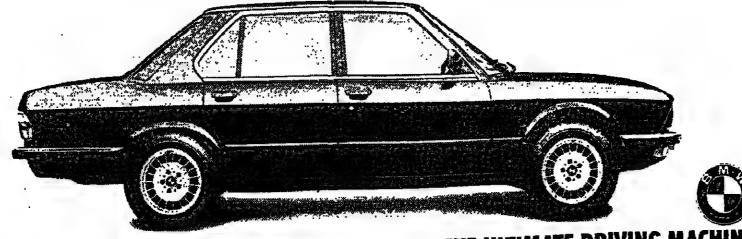
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Socialist realism

London's proudly self-proclaimed "radical socialist borough" of Hackney should be less proud of its financial arrangements, it seems, Some 3,000 council officers in the borough (domestic rate 196.5p in the pound) are paid up to £900 a year, as the standard of the standar well as the standard London weighting, because of what is known as the "Hackney factor", which is said to make working there difficult. John Beha, the finance director, puts it down to transport problems and pressure of work, but a manager in a neighbouring borough says the main difficulty is Hackney's administrative chaos. The borough's rate-payers may like to know that the head of accountancy. Mike Craig. forecasts a 63 per cent rate rise this year - an extra £6.50 a week from householders. Hackney's committed expenditure for 1984-85 is £101m. about £20m over target, which means that last year's rate support grant of £43m will be cut in half this year under the Government's punitive scheme to curb local authority spending.

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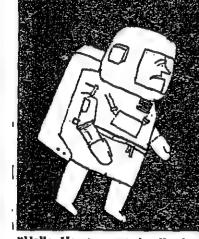
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Jonathan Sayeed, the Tory who turned him out of his Brisiol East scat at the last election, discovered Sayced was approached by an elderly and rather short-sighted woman who clearly did not keep up with events. Having peered at the MP for some moments she said: "Funny, you know . . . you don't look mad.

BARRY FANTONI



"Hulio, Houston control - I've just been mugged'

Net loss

The SDP are flinging their net far and wide in the search for new disciples. A man in the town of Endicott was surprised to receive from David Owen a questionnaire seeking to discover whether the recipient would be a possible SDP recruit - surprised because Endicott is in the state of New York. Mind you, the SDP played safe by addressing the missive to "New York, North Yorkshire", but the Post Office knew better than that. I know the party promised to change the face of British politics, but surely not the face of the earth?

Open secret

Our friends at The Guardian seem to be undaunted by their chastening experience in the celebrated "stoles secret document" case. In a recenletter soliciting information for a proposed series about the activities of the Special Branch and M15, two Guardian men promise cheerfully We would guarantee to protect the source of any such information unless permission was explicitly given to divulge it." Phew, that's a relief.

Waterborn

From Thames Water comes the information that they believe they were first in the home-video commercial field, to which I referred on Tuesday. Last October, Thames Water (chief executive: Hugh Fish) offered, for £6.50, a two-hour cassette blank except for a 30-minute information film called The Bater People. More than 500 videos were sold - it could have been thousands if they'd called it Tales from the Riverbank, or priced it more realistically.

How to beat the Treasury

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Five years ago, Parliament made a rare attempt to redress the imbalance of power between the weakening world of West-minster and the ever-strengthening power of Sarah Hogg, Economics Editor, challenges the parliamentary Whitehall. It set up a series of new select custom that elder statesmen committees, with greatly enhanced powers, of which the Treasury and Civil Service Committee of the House of Commons was easily the most significant. It was advised by do not sit on select committees a galaxy of economic talent. It could call shadowy Treasury mandarins for question-

ing. It could summon the Governor of the Bank of England. It could recall the

Chancellor to give evidence again and again.

some effect. A healthy tension soon developed between the Treasury and the

committee. Officials and ministers began to

complain about the amount of extra work

committee sessions created - a sure sign they were having some impact. The committee's effective and slightly malicious

chairman, Mr Edward du Cann, treated the

Chancellor with maddening graciousness. Its

inquiries were often inconclusive; but before

its interrogations the corridor would be packed with journalists prepared to fight for

Since then the committee has de-

teriorated; its reports bear the heavy

handwriting of its advisers. Now it is in

danger of fading into insignificance. At its

session last month Treasury officials walked

all over the parliamentarians, an experience

bad for both sides. Mr Terence Higgins is an

excellent new chairman. But his elevation removes one of the committee's seasoned

members from the cut and thrust of

Soon after the Korean Airlines

jumbo jet was destroyed by a Soviet missile above Sakhalin Island last

September, an air force officer from the Soviet Far East regional

command was seen in the bar of

Moscow's closed hotel for military

personnel. He was alone, according to the story which went round Moscow, and drinking. Some say he

True or not the story illustrates the fact that many Russians -including some in the armed forces -

did feel guilty about the deaths of

269 passengers on KAL 007. The

official line remains that the

"regrettable" deaths were caused not

the Soviet Union but by the United

States, which had deliberately sent a

known risk to innocent lives. Many

still believe this, and will tell you angrily that President Reagan,

regarded as capable of almost any

to smear the Soviet Union and

advised ex-President Nixon not to

get on the plane knowing it might be

But doubt is arising, both publicly

and behind the scenes, as the

political and military lessons of the

incident are absorbed by the slowly

functioning state apparatus. There

was an element of embarrassment if

not guilt, from the very beginning.

when the official media tried to

pretend the tragedy had not

happened and then simply reported

that the aircraft had disappeared "in

the direction of the Sea of Japan".

The phrase became something of a standing joke. A few days later Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov, the chief

of staff, was forced to admit, albeit

with no trace of regret, that KAL

007 had been hit by a missile fired from a Suhkoi fighter of the Soviet

The incident highlighted the

increasingly prominent political role

shot down.

air force.

misdeed, organized a "provocation"

was weeping into his vodka.

What's more, at first it did all of this to

questioning. Of the newer members, too many lack the experience, expertise or (it must be said) occasionally the application to make an effective team of interrogators.

It is not their fault; it is Parliament's, By tradition, the select committees are made up of backbenchers. This means Labour's chief economic spokesmen, who would liven things up no end, do not sit on the Treasury committee (Alliance spokesmen have to take on committee work as well).

On the Tory side, government ministers are, more logically, debarred from membership - even unpaid parliamentary private secretaries. So many of the best members of the committee (for example, Kenneth Baker) have been picked off one by one for government jobs. However, there is one distinguished group of backbenchers who could grace the committees and don't.

Most of the great and good former ministers of the Tory party, such as Mr Edward Heath, Sir lan Gilmour, Mr Geoffrey Rippon and Mr Francis Pym, do not sit on select committees (Mr Humphrey Atkins and Mr Norman St John-Stevas are

It is arguable that as elder statesmen they

should remain above the political fray. But over the past month that is not exactly how these gentlemen have been behaving. If, as it appears, they see their role as making positive criticism of the Government, why

The Treasury committee is embarking on its most important inquiry yet - on the future of public spending. The fate of the welfare state is an issue on which senior statesmen like to speak their minds. Would it not do wonders for their credibility (and for the strengths of such inquiries) to hear them testing their views against government

To suggest that this is too plebeian a role is to give way to the contempt for its own committees which is Parliament's besetting sin. Only when it is seen as an honour for any MP, however distinguished, to sit - and really work - on its main committees will they ever be able to assert themselves against government. There is, of course, another problem: and that is that the Whips considerably influence the selection of committee members, and may naturally be less than keen to pick powerful dissidents.

and good should seek to serve. If the Whips control the committees, and place on them mainly young MPs aspiring for promotion, they will never give Parliament an indepen-

do they confine it to the occasional speech and vote? Why not work at it, strengthening Parliament against the executive by sitting on the select committee designed for that

That is only another reason why the great

Richard Owen on new Soviet doubts about the Korean jet disaster



An air of guilt around Moscow

played by the Soviet military, which appeared keen to demonstrate with charts and figures that the jumbo had gone off course in an area bristling with sensitive Soviet military bases and US spy instal-lations alike. But there was no discussion at all of how the jet might have gone astray, why the Amerishould use jumbos instead of cans satellites, whether the Soviet pilot had acted hastily because he was running out of fuel (a common theory among Russians) or why radar defences had been unable to distinguish a 747 from an RC135 spy plane. After a flurry of articles attacking Washington, the press fell

When an inquiry set up by the International Civil Aviation Authority reported two months ago that plane was not on a spying mission the Kremlin did not react. This was partly because Moscow did not want to draw attention to a report which criticized the Soviet Union for failing to substantiate the espionage charge with concrete evidence, failing to provide the authority with data, and failing to identify the intruder correctly in the first place. Western experts say that because Russian ground-to-air reactions were recorded by Ferret satellite, the Soviet air force persuaded the political leadership to avoid any theory which rested on

So why should the Soviet press have suddenly begun to discuss the subject again instead of conveniently forgetting it? A sinister theory would be that the Soviet military is less than keen on a resumption of Soviet-American "dialogue", in case Moscow makes concessions on arms control, and is therefore bringing the airliner incident back to the forefront instead of quietly burying it.

A more plausible explanation is determination to prove they were right. Prayda started the process last month when it seized on an article in The Washington Post which, it said, proved the plane was on a spying mission. It said US officials in the region knew the plane was off course from listening posts and had an hour and half to turn it back. The RC135 reconnaisance plane nearby must have monitored the jumbo's movements, Pravda said, and so must have bases in Alaska and Japan and American naval vessels. Moscow had therefore been right to fire at the intruder to defend it borders.

Similarly the Lucrary Gazette has reprinted articles from the western press alleging American complicity, including one from The Guardian. On the other hand, at least as much comment was aroused by a remarkable article by Colonel General Sergei Golubev in the journal Arlation and Cosmonautics,

General Golubev, who as air force deputy commander is in charge of training, said "extreme action" against intruders was justified in

defence of Soviet sirspace, but pilots should make every effort to identify planes properly and force them to land (nothing about pressing missile

sources however say that his remarks do indeed reflect belated

The impact of the airliner crisis the end of last year the Politburo traffic control system to replace the the tragedy, experts say. There has also been a shake-up in Aeroflot, number of Aeroflot crashes (most unannounced) was damaging mor-ale, that his deputy was being sacked and that a new civil air transport code would be introduced.

What is not clear is whether this cautious reassessment of the incident will lead to Soviet compensation for American, Australian, Canadian or other victims. When the subject was raised with Andrei Gromyko at the Stockholm conference last month at least one Western foreign minister noted that Gromyko had "not swept it off the table". Given that it was Gromyko who shocked delegates at the preceding Madrid conference in October by saying the Soviet Union was right to shoot down the plane and would gladly do it again, that might be a small but significant

The Literary Gazette subsequently attacked "anti-Soviet" commentators for suggesting that General Golubev was expressing doubt about the air defence reaction on September 1. Soviet Soviet analysis of the disaster.

may also be working its way through the civilian aviation structure. At announced a proposed unified air present regional structure. Such a Moscow, might have helped avoid which was hit by the western air boycott in the wake of the incident. Boris Bugayev, the Aviation Minister, recently announced that the high

Ronald Butt

A Tory mood change on nuclear defence

It seems likely that defence and disarmament will attract much more Conservative attention in this parliament than it did in the last. Hitherto, most Tories have been content to try to explain why the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament

is wrong why the unilateral abandonment of nuclear weapons would be more likely to jeopardize than to improve the prospects of peace; why the political motivation of so much CND propaganda is suspect. They have been preoccupied with answering the CND's bogus equation between "peace" and the non-negotiated relinquishment of nuclear defences. Concentration on that point.

however, can easily look like a negative position. It can give the impression that Conservatives are comparatively uninterested in think-ing positively about means of achieving the negotiated disarmament every sane person wants. But neither morally nor politically can Conservatives allow themselves to be regarded as less concerned than their opponents, or indeed the CND. to achieve the reduction of nuclear arms, provided this can be done by negoriation, and without danger to

peace, security and liberty.

The renewed inclination of many backbench Tories to think more actively about the defence-disarmament issue is, therefore, in part a response to the success of the CND in concentrating public attention on the dimensions and horror of nuclear war as propaganda for unilateral nuclear disarmament. Yet there is a further reason for

the renewed backbench interest in thinking about defence and disarma-ment; the cost of defence and the credibility of Nato in its present

In a recent article, I discussed the arguments of some American right-wingers who, although far from pacifist, consider that Nato in its present form is out of date, and that the concept of deterrence (based on a threatened nuclear response to any conventional Soviet invasion of Europe) is no longer relevant. Now that the Soviet Union and the US have parity of nuclear destruction (the argument runs) it is absurd to imagine that the US would take an action which would bring about its own obliteration along with Russia's, simply to save Europe from an invading army. A defence policy relying on Russia's fear that the US might do so is an inadequate defence policy.

According to this reasoning, Europe should pay more for its own-conventional defence, even if welfare budgets have to suffer. It is a point of view that in part links with the recent criticism of the European states by Mr Lawrence Eagleburger of the US State Department, who accused them of being self-centred and of refusing to look beyond their own borders. But the argument that Europe (within a reformed Nato) should be able, with the US conventional contribution, to defend itself with less risk of nuclear escalation has two flaws.

The first is that any amount the Europeans spent on their own defence within the limits of feasibility might not suffice in the event of a Russian conventional attack, so that the question whether the US

would or would not involve its nuclear weaponry in the last resort cannot be removed from caleulations about European security.

Second, the reigning assumption has been that the European nations even with the best will in the world could not afford the cost of a shift from cheaper nuclear to mere. expensive conventional defence on a

scale anything like sufficient to ensure that it would deter the Russians. Yet whether and how Nameshould be rethought, whether it should, perhaps, be recast to cover the whole of the western democratic world, and not merely the Atlantic and what can best be done to contain defence costs without risk to: security are now all questions askid more widely on the backbenches.

Most Tories would reject the idea of a basic shift from nuclear to conventional weapons on grounds of cost. Yet they also recognize that a cost problem exists already. In this context, there will be much interest in the conclusions just published of a group of defence experts, the British Atlantic Committee (among them Sir Frank Cooper, until recently permanent head of the defence ministry) who believe that new technology makes possible a non-nuclear, and therefore more credible. European defence without significant increase in spending. But above all there is the need to

reduce the sheer weight of nucl weapons by negotiation. Some Tary backbenchers are therefore thinking, about the possibility of offering the; Russians the non-aggression pact for which they had asked while continuing to press for balanced. force reductions, which is the real he Conservative back-bencher, Mr. Michael Latham, recently (January), 24) asked the Foreign Secretary in the Commons whether Nato would consider a new draft treaty on no. first use of any weapons by either side. Sir Geoffrey Howe simply reiterated Nato's declared position that it would never use any weapons except in response to attack,
But no Tory would dissent from
Mrs. Thatcher's view that we must,

negotiate with the Russians, but take care neither to expect too much nor be lured into unilateral concessions. Ultimately, the socialist system of the Soviet Union will remains inimical to ours because, whatever, compromises they may agree to for convenience and to avoid war, the Russian leaders never lose sight of their ultimate aim, the wider, imposition of the political system on

which their power rests.

For the West, negotiation is important to alleviate tension, lessen the danger and cost of weapons, and to assure the captive: peoples of the East that we bear, them no enmity. The shift of emphasis in the United States on the question of arms negotiation will evoke a response in Britain. In the coming months, thinking and speaking about defence and nego-tiated disarmament is likely in the Fory party to involve more than simply answering CND back. In Britain, as in the US, it may well be a subject on which the party of the right is better equipped to make pragmatic progress without risk to security than the party on the left.

John P. Harris

The sorry story of a statue called Stefanik

Paulhan, Hérapit, France Here we are, in the village of Paulhan - population 2,500 - producing wine and big mild onions. Please observe the statue on your left. A pioneer aviator, with goggles and helmet, cheerful, larger than life, on a 10-foot high plinth. HONNEUR, PATRIE and DEVOIR on from and sides of the plinth. No names. An unusual war memorial. .

You are jumping to conclusions. The war memorial is down that street, in front of the out-of-use railway station. Try asking the first 10 natives who this airman is. One has never thought about it, two say it is a statue, sort of, like to est unc statue, quoi, hein); three say it is a war memorial, and four say it is Paulhan himself. If ho?

Louis Paulhan, the first man to fly from London to Manchester, thus winning the £10,000 Daily Mail prize. That was in April 1910. Paulhan only just beat our Grahame White to it. When Paulhan had put his Farman biplane together, in a field near Edgware, it was 5 pm, and White had abandoned his attempt because of the wind. But it grew a little calmer, and Paulhan took off and wobbled over the official starting line at Highgate cemetery before White knew what was happening. They both followed the railway lines. When it got too dark to fly. Paulhan landed at Lichfield. Madame Paulhan joined him by special train, and they spent the night at an hotel, being called at 2.30

White had landed near a signalman's hut at Roade, 60 miles back, so next morning he started before dawn, by the light of car headlamps, and navigated by moonlight. But at 4am, when gusts of wind had turned him around three times, he landed at Polesworth. At that moment, 10 miles nearer Manchester, Paulhan was taking off. He pelted along at 40 mph in the cold drizzle, and to the cheers of thousands landed at Mr Bracegirdle's farm at New Burnage, the official finishing point, at 5.30 that morning.

White sent a telegram; "The better man has won". Paulhan said that White had had bad luck, the French papers said, "The race exemplifies the entente cordiale in Diana Geddes | not to be succeed at in those days). 10 do.

now a plaque commemorating the feat, at Manchester airport.

Actually, Paulhan was born sixmiles down the road from the town. with his name, at Pézenas. Nincteen eighty-three was the centenary of Paulhan's birth, and last year they unveiled a bust in the park. Let's go and have a look.

He doesn't look a bit like the other airman. Of course not. You' keep jumping to conclusions. The airman at Paulhan is General; Stefanik, a Slovakian poet, scientist. and of course aviator. He flew and, fought as a volunteer with French forces in the First World War. With Masaryk and Benes he founded the Czechoslovak republicin 1918, and was killed the next year? in an aeroplane accident. A mostable and interesting man.

Certainly. But what is he doing in: this village in the Languedoc? Let us. return to his statue. Go around to ... the back of the plinth. What does it ... say there, in small letters? Well, it doesn't say Stefanik

anywhere. What it says is Monie ment èrigé en 1911 à LA GLOIRE DES IRMEES DE LA REVOLU-L'TION. Paul Pèlisse, député maire? Victorien Necrou, adjoint. I don't see: the connexion.
Don't you? It's quite simple. Is to

1911 they put up a fine bronze group on this plinth - the warriors of Valmy and so forth. Very edifying In the last war the Germans were short of non-ferrous metals. They found a rich source in French-statues. Some town councils managed to bury their statues before ther non-ferrous metal squads arrived. For example, the splendid status

of the drummer-boy of the bartle of.
Arcole, at Cadenet, where the boy,
came from, spent 18 months at the bottom of the duck pond. But the people of Paulhan were not quick" enough off the mark, and so they lost the Armies of the Revolution.

So in 1945 they just had a bare plinth ... And they asked Paris for something to put on it. Paris had and spare Stefantk, and put him on a goods train. The station was open in c. those days.

But what had Stefanik to do with: the village? He was a statue, that's what. It seems hard on Stefanik realm of progress. the three triumphant men are Paulhan. White and Lord Northeliffe" (£10,000 was Northeliffe's Daily Mail got Paulhan. They could at least put his name on the plinth. Perhaps they will, now it

Spies who key in to the best West new tech

Waldimar Zolotarenko, the junior employee of a Nato agency in Paris who was sentenced to 10 years' jail on Tuesday after being convicted of passing secret alliance documents on planes and missiles to the Soviet Union over a period of 16 years, was probably in himself a fairly insignificant "small time" spy. He seems, nevertheless, to have been an important cog in the vast machine for gathering scientific and technological information from the West which the Russians have built up.

A series of recent discoveries and arrests by French counter-espionage officials. including information relating to the spectacular mass expulsion of 47 Soviet spies from Paris last spring, has enabled the authorities to piece together the most precise and detailed picture to date of this formidable machine, and of the extreme vulnerability of the West, and France in particular, to the transfer to the East of militarily important technologies.

The extraordinarily lax security measures adopted by the advisory Group for Aerospace Research and Development (Agard), the Nato agency in Paris where Zolotarenko worked from 1959 until his arrest in 1980, were highlighted during his trial. of this naturalized French son of Russian emigre parents.

Zolotarenko's work as Agard consisted chiefly in photocopying and compiling documents, many

classified "top secret". It was easy for him to keep a copy for himself or to go through the wastepaper baskets at the end of the day for discarded papers. There was no check on employees as they entered or left the building. As Zolotarenko himself said: "It was enough to tempt the In 1971, after Zolotarenko had

already been passing secrets to the Russians for eight years, Francis Roussilhe, a Nato employee who had recom mended Zolotarenko for the Agard job, was sentenced to 20 imprisonment for spying for the Romanians. But there was apparently no attempt to check on Zolotarenko or to shift him into a less sensitive area of work. He was to continue for a further eight years calmly passing documents and intimate details of the private lives of other Agard employees to his KGB contacts. M Raymond Nart, a scnior

French counter-espionage official who acted as the chief witness for the prosecution at Zolotarenko's trial, described him as an "important agent" whose work had to be seen in the context of the whole Russian industrial espionage net-work. One of Zolotarenko's contacts. Valentin Lvov, a KGB agent working under the cover of a junior member of the USSR Unesco delegation, was now back in Moscow as head of the KGB section responsible for France, M Nart said. Anatoli Kouznetsov, another of Zolotarenko's KGB contacts, who had used the cover of a second secretary at the Soviet embassy in Paris, was expelled from Italy in 1930 after being accused of spying. All were gathering information for the VPK, the Russian commission for military industry. The key role of this commission.

and how it fits into the whole, highly complex. Russian system for gathering scientific and technological described in a little noticed, 14-page article in the December issue of the Defense Nationale, a monthly review published by the French Committee for National Defence Studies. The article, signed Henri Regnard, is described as having been written by a "senior civil servant" and is almost certainly the work of one or more senior French counter-espionage officials.

According to the article, the VPK, headed by Leonid Smirnov, one of the vice-presidents of the Soviet Council of Ministers, is composed of and then formulating them into research plans".

the 12 ministers with direct or indirect involvement in the Russian military-industrial complex, and is responsible for sifting and collating specific requests for scientific and technological information from ministries, institutes, and factories,

The author of the article comments wryly that the Soviets have

taken to using the West as a data bank for new ideas and advance technology, enabling them to fill gaps in their own knowledge without having to conduct lengthy and expensive research, thereby releasing funds for military programmes.

Russian efforts to obtain western technology are not new but they are now much more sophisticated, systematic, and intense, the article points out.

The systematic combing of western advance technology sectors had enabled the Russians to appropriate a number of elements critical, or potentially critical, to the defence of the free world. The ease of access to scientific and technological information in western democracies and the virtual total freedom in East-West trade relations made the West all the more vulnerable, the article contends. Analysis of information gathered

France over the past few months had led the author(s) to conclude that "preceding estimates of the scientific and technological standards reached by the USSR, in both the military and civil sectors, must revised significantly upwards. both in terms of quality and quantity"

The article ends with an urgent call to the West to adopt new measures to protect against constantly growing aggression".

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A BATTLE LOST

The withdrawal of the multina- age the Syrians from pressing made acutely aware by Iran and tional peacekeeping force from Lebanon is a severe setback for Western diplomacy. The mission Syrians - may yet give the of the force was to prop up Mr Israelis the assurances they need Gemayel's government while to withdraw. After all, it is creating a stable environment for pointed out. Mr Gemayel is still internal reconciliation and the president (of a few acres) with a negotiated withdrawal of Israeli and Syrian forces. The mission has failed. Instead we have turbulence, uncertainty and the ominous sight of Shiite fanatics removing alcohol from West Beirut. The May 17 agreement has probably gone for good. taking with it any immediate hope of Israeli withdrawal, let alone the wider hope of a Lebanon without any foreign armies, Gone, too, is another slice of the credibility of Western support for friendly governments in the Middle East and elsewhere. Syria emerges stronger, and the Soviets happier as they send a top man to Damascus, Mr. Reagan may be electorally irrelevant. He now negotiates - if strengthened by being freed of the unpopular burden of keeping his marines in Lebanon, but it will still be difficult to conceal the fact that his Middle East demonstrated that it can afford policies are as battered as the buildings of Beirut.

around mainly in Washington. who believe that something can still be salvaged from past hopes. that the shock of withdrawal may bring Mr Gemayel and advantage to win a place for others to see the need for themselves at any future negoreconciliation, that the shells of tiating table. But they are likely

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their advantage too far, that somebody - perhaps even the substantial army in support. while the Syrians and the Russians know they would be unlikely to have a better chance than the Americans of controlling the fractious politics of Lebanon. So why not plug on with the same policies, lobbing shells in support of Mr Gemayel from the apparent safety of sea?

However, it seems more realistic to assume that there will have to be some more fundamental re-thinking. Mr Gemavel has lost his chance to negotiate reconciliation from a position of strength. Whether this is his fault or that of the Americans, who did not push him, is largely at all - from a position of weakness. Meanwhile Syria has even less reason than before to be accommodating, having to ignore American pressures. The Soviets too, have no good There are still a few optimists reason to use their influence on behalf of compromise at this stage. They will first wish to rub. salt in Western wounds. After that they will want to use their the American navy will discour- to be cautious. They have been

Afghanistan of the uncontrollable fires that can burn within the Muslim breast. They will not wish to fan the flames too much.

Hence there remains a chance that the situation will not become worse than it already is. That is not saying much; but then Lebanon has suffered this particular agony for eight years now. Probably there is very little more that the Western powers can now do in Lebanon itself. They should avoid further direct intervention and concentrate on achieving a bloodless withdrawal of American and other forces,

Efforts to retrieve the situation will have to be pursued elsewhere on a wider diplomatic canvas, taking in other Arab countries and Israel. Whether the United Nations can play a useful role at this stage is doubtful. A United Nations force would either have to be large enough to dominate the whole of Lebanon, which is out of the question, or it would have to be accepted by all the relevant factions in Lebanon as well as all members of the Security Council, which presupposes a political agreement which is still out of sight. Probably, therefore, it is time for the foot soldiers of diplomacy to do some hard slogging before the ground can be cleared sufficiently for grand strategies to emerge. Meanwhile Beirut burns, and the Syrian

SITTING ON A SECRET

Sir Geoffrey Howe had a rough ride yesterday morning before discussion, alerting the full the Commons Select Committee Cabinet to the thinking of the on Employment. He had endured a tough two weeks since ministerial group on the surprising the House with his deunionization of GCHQ could statement announcing the de- only have been an advantage. unionization of the Government The quality of Cabinet govern-Communications Headquarters. ment should not be at the mercy The Employment Committee's of an exaggerated paranoia about interest is welcome. It is right and proper that an all-party tation would not have been group of MPs should be the setting in which the pros and cons of the Cheltenham affair are argued at greater length. How much better it might have been for all concerned - the guardians of national security and the routine. The spectre of the guardians of civil liberty alike - polished Sir Oliver Lacon, the if a forum for ventilating the Cabinet Office's coordinator of choices and the wider issues involved in securing continuity Smiley novels, fixing his Minisof production at GCHO could have been found before Sir unseemliness, however appalling Geoffrey took the House and the bulk of his Cabinet colleagues by etched on the public conscioussurprise on January 25.

There are cynics in Whitehall who suggest that the usual leakers of official information, for once, failed to live up to their reputation. If the word had been spilled a week or so before Sir Geoffrey rose at the despatch box, the critics and defenders of the Cheltenham decision could have started up the engines of claim and counter-claim in advance of an announcement and the greater shambles of the past fortnight might have been avoided. The senior bureaucracy can sometimes be too worldlywise for its own good.

Britain and Argentina have been

groping towards a modus vivendi

over the Falklands Islands ever

since President Raul Alfonsin and

his civil administration came to

now clarified its position and

illuminated the path which it

happier, more stable relation-

ship. These paths may not converge completely while sover-

eignty is claimed by both sides,

but they can run in close parallel.

to the advantage of both sides

move cautiously as always from

the bottom upwards, tackling

first those issues over which there

should be little real dissent - like

the restoration of commercial

links and a more satisfactory

long-term arrangement over the

Argentine war graves. Mutual

confidence should then grow

through closer contact and slowly

but surely both parties could

return to the status quo ante -

albeit with the central issue

years before the invasion.

The British approach is to

and of the islanders themselves.

would like to pursue towards a not to be cowed by British

in terms of pre-statement Prime minister's tiny ad hoc leaks. But wider Cabinet consulenough. Thanks partly to the nation's rich literature of spy novels, large sections of the public are convinced that Ministers disinform on security and intelligence issues as a matter of security and intelligence in the ter and avoiding any public the setbacks of the Circus. is

What is needed is some utterly secure body, trusted by those in the outer as well as the inner circles of public life, to give its seal of probity to the Government on contentious issues as they arise. The Security Commission does that. But it can only conduct post-mortems into past security lapses. It could not have helped Mrs Thatcher in March, 1981 when the Hollis affair erupted. Nor could it have been used as a sounding board for the Cheltenham decision. A new body is required.

The model is easy enough to

civil administration cannot af-

ford to turn a blind eye.

power in December. Each has demostrate his power to make considered over-cautious, given

well as his own determination

refusals to negoitate on his

While these conversations

continue through diplomatic

third parties, it may seem strange

for either party to make public

gestures or declarations of any kind, such as President Alfon-

sin's six-point plan last week

proposing a United Nations

force. But Britain should not be

deterred by these "noises-off"

from herself seriously consider-

ing a gesture which would

demonstrate Britain's confidence

in the new civilian rulers in

Buenos Aires. That is to lift the

150-mile protection zone around

The orthodox Whitehall view

unless Argentina declared simul-

the islands.

unresolved, as it had been for 150 is that this should not be agreed

This may not be fast enough taneously a formal ceasefire. The

for President Alfonsin. The zone, it has been argued, is a

military in Argentina may be necessary security measure and

LIFTING THE ZONE

find - the Falkland Islands Review Committee of 1982. The Prime minister trusted Lord Franks and his fellow Privy Counscilors to see every scrap of paper on the subject produced by Whitehall and its intelligence organizations from 1965 to April, 1982. Why not establish a permanent equivalent of the Franks Committee? A joint House of Commons-House of Lords Select Committee of Privy Counsellors on security and intelligence, made up of former prime ministers, foreign, defence and home secretaries would be trusted by middle opinion, which at the moment is distinctly uneasy about the GCHQ decision, if not by those who Ainslie Avenue, inhabit the fantasy world of the Canberra 2601, decision, if not by those who hard left. It would have been to Sir January 28.

Geoffrey's advantage to make his first Select Committee appearance on Cheltenham not before the Employment Committee but before such a group of Privy Counsellors. If he had managed to convince them, they could have reported to that effect on the day the Commons statement was made. If not, they might have persuaded him either to think again before the issue was made public with all the potential loss of face that involved, or at least to polish up the presentation of his case. That his case is fundamentally a good one is a secret almost as closely guarded by Sir Geoffrey as all the other secrets he is trying to protect

quo should be exacted. But now

that negotiations would seem to

It is unlikely that Argentina

would take advantage of such a

step to threaten the Falklands,

and in the present political

climate it is a risk worth taking

The removal of the zone

would be more likely to secure a

declaration over the end of

hostilities than would the main-

tenance of it. To dispense with it

would ease the workload on the

British garrison - and might

indeed enable it to be reduced

without implying any dimin-

ution in British resolve. More-

over it would show the inter-

national community that Britain

recognizes how how much en-

couragement President Alfonsin

needs to consolidate his new

power, and that Britain is thus

prepared to make the running in

the negotiations to achieve

greater stability in the South

politically discredited, but it moreover a bargaining counter

remains a force to which the new for which some similar quid pro

President Alfonsin needs to have started, this could be

progress by peaceful means - as that the security situation does

not demand it.

anyway.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Brighton Parilion (Conservative)

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answering these?

Sir. In his article. "A breathing space

to think afresh" (January 20). David

How expansionist is the Soviet

Jnion? The history of Russia is one of

expansion. The Czars expanded into

the Caucasus, central Asia and

Siberia. Stalin, postwar, expanded

into Eastern Europe and, for a time, into China, Khrushchev re-conquered Hungary and established Soviet influence over Cuha, Brezh-

nev reconquered Czechoslovakia,

occupied Angola, Ethiopia, Aden and Aighanistan, Together they

have developed an ocean-going navy

and long-range military transport

but there is also a deep-scated reason

for this expansionist dynamic.

Successive Russian regimes have

rested on the power of the military,

and the raison d'etre of the military is to expand. Stalin, between the

wars, when he turned his back on

has become by far the most powerful

Soviet Union, with virtually absol-

ute control over the allocation of

have a powerful military-industrial

complex, but the President and

Congress do not depend on it for

their physical protection against their own people. The US Army is

To be sure, the Americans also

The military-industrial complex

The track record speaks for itself,

Crucial questions before a summit. Making marriages real and actual

From Canon G. B. Bentley Sir, If marriage is to be made terminable after only one year, 1 think it would be sensible to make it voidable rather than dissoluble. A marriage that comes to grief during the first "honeymoon" year may be said to have crashed on the runway and failed to get off the ground and it seems reasonable to infer from the disaster that it must have been gravely defective ab initio.

It could be that the parties' knowledge of each other had been so defective that in effect they committed themselves to figments of their imagination and not to actual persons. Or they may have entertained a false image of marriage and cohabitation and found themselves unable to cope with the reality. Or again it could be that one or other of them was quite simply unfit for marriage. Whatever the cause, no real and actual marriage has been

In my opinion there is much to be said for treating the first year of marriage as integral to its "making", Consensus facit matrimonium is true in the sense that when yows are exchanged a putative marriage comes into existence; but that marriage remains in potentiality

until it is actualized by consum-mation and cohabitation. Parliament recognized that when it made marriage voidable on the ground of wilful refusal to consummate. What I am suggesting is that failure to achieve satisfactory cohabitation during the first year should be made an additional ground.

Yours faithfully. G. B. BENTLEY. 5 The Cloisters, Windsor Castle,

Privilege at risk

From the Reverend J. P. Haldane-

Sir, Following a verbal attack in the South Australian Parliament on a sitting royal commission the Australian Government is proposing to legislate "to abrogate or otherwise affect" state parliamentary privileges, particularly of free speech. Representations in writing were invited and Senate committee hearings will shortly be held.

Freedom of speech has hitherto been subject only to the various Parliaments' own rules. Unsuitable comment on sitting royal commissions could surely be controlled by voluntary extension of the sub judice rule. The present proposal is of concern to the whole British Commonwealth.

Yours faithfully, . P. HALDANE-STEVENSON. Argyle Square, Australia

Support for dissidents

From Mr Alexander Zinoviev Sir. May I make one correction of Alan Hamilton's article (January 19) about my "gloomy logic."? He reports me as saying about the Soviet dissident movement "many people in the West supported the dissident movement believing they could bring about change in the Soviet Union. They failed utterly." So far correct.

"All they did was to provide the Soviet government and the KGB with valuable experience in dealing with dissidents." This last sentence does not describe my opinion.

Failure to change the system should not deter the West from protesting. If it is to be its true self, it must oppose injustice and arbitrary rule everywhere. Moreover, protests do sometimes gain freedom for the

Yours faithfully, ALEXANDER ZINOVIEV, Normanenstrasse 25, West Germany.

January 19. Sellafield discharge

From Dr B. O. Wade Sir, The assertion that "scientists do not know how dangerous radiation in its various forms is" by Ms Lesley Abdela (January 16) is inconsistent with a considerable body of scientific evidence.

It is well established from a number of investigations that we can detect no deleterious effects from the natural background radiation, present in a variety of forms throughout the evolution of the human race and varying significantly between different locations. It is also well established that substantial groups exposed to radiation in many forms at levels generally several hundred times greater than the natural background, in the course of occupational. military and medical activities,

Aerial photographs

Moreover, we can measure radiation levels with great sensitivity, down to levels for below those of concern to health.

The clear intention of the internationally recommended protection measures is to ensure that the radiation risk to the general public is negligible; the available scientific evidence is quite adequate for this purpose. These protection measures are enforced in this

From Professor D. W. Rhind and Professor R. U. Cooke Sir, The President of the Council for British Archaeology was right to express concern over the future of the Central Register for Aerial Photography (January 21). The air photographs recorded in this register provide both an irreplaceable source of historical information and basic data needed for much planning and

But Mr Hassall confounds two ing organisations). It is the index itself, not the actual photography, which is the critical element:

without it, a search for air photography would involve contact-

index, a search for photography of a particular type for a given area would be simple, cheap and could be carried out within minutes. Yet the way to do this successfully is not to continue with the existing, manual system. As the number of photographs rises, the difficulty of searching for those which meet the users' needs increases enormously and the effort, cost and delay rise

such problems and the results could be integrated with existing developments in the British Library and elsewhere; sufficient experience now exists to create such geographical information systems. Provided that commercial firms, the Ordnance Survey and others contribute details by its own structure as much as by ats ideology.

2. How far are we trying to change the Soviet system and how far Watt concedes the difficulty of merely to manage the status quo? holding a dialogue between the superpowers while President Andro-If we succeed in containing Soviet poy is out of action and President expansionism, or rolling it back Reagan is campaigning. He goes on where it is not already established. (e.g., Afghanistan), then the absolute to suggest some crucial questions on priority which the Soviet military which we ought to focus in the now enjoy in the allocation of resources will lose much of its interval before any summit meeting May I attempt a contribution to justification.

Pressures will grow for improvements in living standards and for greater independence for the subject nationalities and Moscow's allies, This in turn would tend to lead to the relaxation of the central control which prevails over the whole of

Soviet society today.

Soviet society as it now exists must expand or change drastically, if our objective is to half its expansion we shall be encouraging changes in the status quo even if that is not our

3 How far dare we bring the Russians into collaboration in areas of Third World crisis like the Middle East?

If there are crises in the Third World, 25 distinct from underlying causes of discontent, this is mainly because the Soviets have chosen to involve themselves in them. How then do we deal with their involvement?

world revolution, shot the generals Short of an agreed withdrawal of both superpowers in favour of the United Nations there are probably only two options available. One is to as well as the most privileged bring about the withdrawal of the economic and social force in the Soviets from the main crisis areas.

> The other is to agree their partition into spheres of interest such as the Western powers agreed with Hitler at Munich or later with Stalin at Yalta. In neither case did Western concessions do much to damper the appetite for expansion. Let him that readeth understand. Yours faithfully,

and successfully arranged a peaceful

was to prove a good thing, who can say? Certainly at that moment

Trevor Wilson rendered a signal

service to France, which General

Salan did not forget.

General de Lattre was another matter. In 1951 Trevor Wilson and I

had visited the Bishop of Phat

Diem, who had a private army of a sort aiding the French.

to Indo-China de Lattre had, for

personal reasons, attached his son to

ambush. De Lattre, a sick man,

connected his death with our visit to

the bishop. Here were three dubious

had, as a correspondent of The

Sunday Times and the Figuro.

excellent relations with General

Salan, but the damage had been done as far as Trevor Wilson was

are recovered for the relief of the

taxpayer through development land

Is it not amazing that we should

continue to allow the financial

viability of huge capital projects to be undermined in this way? How

much better off would this country

he if the land values arising

externally from all economic ac-

tivity were immediately recovered

for the relief of the taxpayer by an

annual charge on land rents, such as

site value rating or its national

somehow

In the three years that followed I

getting

Unfortunately, before my return

Whether in the eyes of history this

landing for General Leclerc.

not a Pretorian Guard. The Red JULIAN AMERY. Any realistic Western statesman 112 Eaton Square, SW1, must therefore regard the Soviet January 26.

Indo-China rebels

From Mr Graham Greene, CH. Sir, I have the impression that Mr Louis Allen (January 24) is only half informed about the situation in Hanoi when Trevor Wilson was made persona non grata by General de Lattre.

It is quite true (I once had a conversation with Monsieur Soustelle on the subject) that the American OSS were not trusted in Algeria by the French authorities. The OSS were playing the silly game finding a non-existent Third Force, as they also did in Vietnam, a force which would be anti-Communist and anti-French (colonialist).

This had nothing to do with Trevor Wilson in Vietnam. For his services in Algeria during the war he had been decorated by General de

When the Chinese forces occupying Haiphong were proposing to resist the landing of General Leclerc. Wilson, as British Consul General in Hanoi, gave a lift in his jeep under the Brirish flag to General Salan, whose uniform was hidden in the boot. The General put it on after his arrival at the Chinese headquarters

M25 land values

From Mr David Richards Sir, The rise in property values along

the M25 motorway, reported by your Property Correspondent (January 25), is as inevitable as was the rise in oil company share prices following the discovery of North Sea

The only difference is that the capital gains in the latter case accrued to those whose capital provided the breakthrough, whereas in the former case they will accrue to property owners completely external to the production process.

The financial returns to the taxpayer's investment in the M25 and in all such projects are the land values arising. Yet the amounts that

January 26. show an enhanced rate of fatal malignancies in the region of 1 per

country by the mandatory auth-orities to safeguard the health of the public in a manner analogous to the Whilst we do not understand the way they safeguard our water and

equivalent?

Yours faithfully,

Bridgend. Mid Glamorgan.

DAVID RICHARDS,

78 Parkfields Road,

concerned.

Yours truly,

tax are derisory.

GRAHAM GREENE,

fine detail of the process at the food supplies. cellular level responsible for this in the case of radiation, the radiation induction of malignancies practical result is that no member of - if we did we might be well on the the public is exposed to more extra way to finding a cure - there can be no doubt that we know sufficient to received by moving from one part of limit the risk from radiaton the country to another where the exposure to any level we choose. natural background is higher. The associated risk is known to be quite negligible, demonstrating that the intention is being achieved.

Yours faithfully, B. O. WADE, Environmental and Medical Sciences Division, UK Atomic Energy Authority, AFRE Harwell, Oxfordshire.

of their holdings and conscientiously up-date the register, they could reasonably expect to suffer very few time-wasting inquiries and to

achieve greater sales of their existing There is a clear national need for

a single, permanent and efficient Cross words computerised index of aerial photography that is comprehensive. casily used and compatible with indexes of maps and satellite Cruickshank (February 6), "your imagery. We note that such a readers can add to the list?" computerised index is also recommended in today's report by the House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology on

Yours faithfully.

London). University of London, 7-15 Gresse Street, W1.

Ravaged relics of From Mr Julian Amery, MP for Union as a dynamic power driven OUT rural heritage

From Mr Peter V. Addyman Sir, Lest it should be thought that the ravaging of the country heritage described by Lord Melchett and others (February 6) be confined to East Anglia, or that its effects be confined to the natural environment and landscape. I hasten to report to you an horrific description given to Group 4 of the Council for British Archaeology last weekend on the ravaging of our Yorkshire landscape as seen through the lens of an archaeological air photographer.

In photograph after photograph we were shown the effects of deep ploughing which was evidently paring a tresh layer off long-buried ancient monuments each year, to be deposited upside down on the field surfaces and photographed in the brief moment before dispersal. There were deserted medieval

villages, formerly considered prime examples of their type, now buildozed flat and spread across the landscape. There were whole ancient landscapes, no longer enjoying the subtle protection provided by mature hedge systems, themselves the artefacts of a millenium of landscape development, being wiped from the face of the county, The group also heard that,

through some extraordinary loophole in the ancient monuments legislation, even certain scheduled ancient monuments, long protected by statute, could now legally be flattened, as hideously happened on January 9 this year to the formerly well preserved earthworks of the grange of St Mary's Abbey, York, at

Foston, near Malton, It is evident that the present secretaries of state for the environment and for agriculture are between them jointly presiding over what is for some areas the final destruction of the historical landscape. One of them, aided by EEC agricultural grants, is even financing the

holocaust. Can we hope that the new Commission on Historic Buildings and Monuments, which will come into being on April 1, will have courage enough, and teeth sufficiently strong, to fight for what little remains?

Yours faithfully, PETER V. ADDYMAN, Vice President, Council for British Archaelogy. 112 Kennington Road, SE11. February 6.

Non-unionism at GCHQ

From Mr S. C. Silkin, QC

Sir, During the "winter of discon-tent" the Callaghan Government was fighting a desperate battle to restrain the evil of rising inflation. a Vietnamese company fighting with the French in the Bishop's region, and he had been killed in an Unlike the Thatcher Government it had a wafer-thin majority dependent on other parties. Unlike the Thatcher Government its policy was not buttressed by three million unemployed,

That was the time chosen by the Tory Opposition, with Sir Geoffrey Howe in the forefront to challenge the Government's constitutional right to use its sole lawful power in aid of its policy, the use of financial sanctions and the withholding of Government contracts from employers who flouted the policy.

Today the Tory Government, with Sir Geoffrey Howe in the forefront, uses financial sanctions and the withholding and termination of Government employment from employees who flout the Government policy of non-union-ism at GCHQ. The only difference is that the pill is sweetened (or possibly poisoned) by the offer of a bribe of £1,000 to accept without fuss.
The result of the Tory Oppo-

sition's challenge to Labour's sanctions policy is part of history. The Labour Government had neither the time nor the majority to legislate, The Thatcher Government has always had the majority. It plainly has had and still has the time.

Legislation to remove from GCHQ employees rights not previously challenged would have enabled the issue to be debated where it should be, in Parliament, Any suggestion that security considerations prevented the adoption of this course and justified executive action which in opposition Sir Geoffrey castigated as unconstitational would be naive in view of the foreseeable outery generated by the Government's action. To echo a Times leader headline

which remains in my personal recollection after some eight years, is it not a case of "Sir Geoffrey then and Sir Geoffrey now"? It is for Sir Geoffrey to explain and justify the removal by executive action, aided by a paltry and insulting bribe, of a long-standing right to belong to a trade union - a right moreover. which is enshrined in the clearest terms in the European Convention on Human Rights.

Why was the apparently unconsulted Cabinet not asked at least whether it would support legislation to remove an accepted right now considered to be a source of national danger?

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Yours faithfully, S. C. SILKIN, The Croft. The Green, East End. North Leigh, Witney. Oxfordshire.

From Mr John Frith

Sir, "Maybe", says Dr Charles With pleasure, although not from

the OED but from Professor Einar Haugen's excellent Norwegian-English dictionary (Universitetsforlaget, Oslo, 1965):

"Kanskje - perhaps, maybe" ...
"kanskje blir vi ferdig med denne ordboka en gang – maybe we'll finish this dictionary some time". Yours faithfully, JOHN FRITH.

70 Clarence Road. Teddington, Middlesex.

The Soviet view

From Mrs Elizabeth Young Sir, Mr Enoch Powell writes (feature, January 26): Commonwealth' is not . . . an entity

at all except in make-believe." The Soviet view is different. Last year a listener to the Moscow Home Service programme, "International Situation: Questions and Answers",

was told that: the Commonwealth is a complicated association of independent states and also dependent territories . . .

the Commonwealth disintegrated at the start of the 1950s, the special relations of these countries with Britain in the military sphere still remain. Officers from many countries of the Commonwealth are trained at British military educational establishments. British i structors on the spot are engaged in training the armed forces of the countries of the Commonwealth, the majority of which sull depend on deliveries of British

weapons. It must be noted that Britain continues to have a strong ideological influence on these countries. A whole system has been claborated which allows such a policy to

'he conducted. A special service, the Although the united defence system of British Council, is engaged in this. Britain continues to implement control of the press. radio, television, higher education and the development of science and technology of the countries of the Commonwealth. On the whole one can say that

> than other colonial states to the disintegration of its empire. Yours etc. ELIZABETH YOUNG.

100 Bayswater Road, W2. January 26.

distinct, though related, aspects of the problem. The register is an index, not a library. Many of the million or more air photographs Britain has been able to adapt better recorded in the register have never been held centrally (although some of those which were have already been re-distributed to their originat-

ing many individual organisations. Using a properly constituted

accordingly. Converting the index to a computerised form would obviate

photography.

remote sensing and digital mapping.

DAVID RHIND (Birkbeck College).
R. U. COOKE (University College

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 8: Mr H. M. S. Reid was received in audience by The Queen this morning on his appointment as British High Commissioner to Mrs Reid had the honour of being

received by Her Majesty.
The Right Hon Lord Justice Kelly had an audience of The Queen when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood on his appointment as a Lord Justice of

Appeal.

His Excellency Mr A. R. Parsons
was received in audience by The Queen on his appointment as High Commissioner for Australia in

Mrs Parsons had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.
The Queen held a Council at

There were present: the Viscount Whitelaw (Lord President), the Lord Mackay of Clashfern (Lord Advocate), the Right Hon Michael Jophing. MP (Minister of Agricultural, Fisheries and Food), the Right Hon Alick Buchanan-Smith, MP (Minister of State, Department of Energy): the Right Hon Sir Stephen Brown (Lord Justice of Appeal), the Right Hon Sir Roger Parker (Lord Justice of Appeal) and the Right Hon Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson (Lord Justice of Appeal). The Right Hon Sir Stephen

Birthdays today

Mr Norman Adams, 57; Mr David Basnett, 60; Mr Ryland Davies, 41; Air Commandant B. M. Ducat-Amos, 63; Miss Mia Farrow, 39; Dr Garret FitzGerald, 58; Sir Douglas Haddow, 71; Mr J. C. Laker, 62; Mr Douglas Long, 59; Lord Pearce, 83; Lleutenant-Colonel Sir Eric Penn, 68: Professor S. E. Rasmussem, 86; 68: Professor S. E. Rasmussem, 86: Mr Dean Rusk, 75; Miss Janet

Beacon School Chesham Bois

The governors of The Beacon School have appointed Mr R. G. L. Perkins, of Dunhurst (Bedales Junior School), Petersfield to succeed Mr H. Davies Jones as headmaster in September 1984.
Mr Davies Jones leaves to take up an appointment as Head of St Andrew's School, Eastbourne.

Christening

The infant daughter of the Hou William and Mrs Waldegrave was christened Elizabeth Laura by the light Rev Victor Faveil, Abbot of Worth, in the Crypt Chapel of the Palace of Westminster on Monday. The Godparents are Mr David Dimbleby, the Marchioness of Douro, Mrs Ian Wakefield and Miss Katharine Hussey.

Service reception 2nd King Edward VII's Own

The Prince and Princess of Wales were present at a reception held by the Sirmoor Club of the 2nd King Edward VII's Own Goorkhas at the Ritz Hotel yesterday evening, Field of the Regiment, showed them a of the Regiment, showed them a portrait of the Prince, Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, by Mr Michael Noakes, the artist, who was present with Mrs Noakes. Brown, the Right Hon Sir Roger Parker and the Right Hon Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, having been previously appointed Privy Councillors, were sworn in Members of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council

The Earl of Gowrie (Minister of State, Privy Council Office), Mr Kenneth Clark, MP (Minister of State, Department of Health and Social Security) and the Right Hon Sir Basil Kelly (Lord Justice of the Court of Appeal of Northern Ireland) were sworn in Members of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Sir. Neville Leigh was in attendance as Clerk of the Council. The Viscount Whitelaw had an adicince of The Queen before the Council The Funeral of the Duke of

Beaufort took place at the Church of St. Michael, and All Angels, Badminton this afternoon.

The Queen, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Prince and Princess of Wales, The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, and Cantrie Made Phillips. Captain Mark Phillips, Prince and Princess Michael of Kent and Princess Alexandra, the Hon Mrs Angus Ogilvy attended.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancel-

for of the University of Cambridge, visited the University this morning. His Royal Highness subsequently visited Trivector Commerce Ltd, Sandy, Bedfordshire and was received on strival by Her Majesty's

Luncheons

court have been called to the par for the Hilary Term:

LINCOLM'S ININ

O V Blowler Mrs. Stella Roberts. Gérard Forlin, LLB (Hors), London Schools of Economics. B D J Rees, BA (Hons) (Law), Ealing College of Higher Education, Missionspatine T S Scally, BA (Hona) (Law), Manchester Polytectnic. B G J Barlow, LLB. University of Auckland, N E W Adams, LLB, University of Canterbury, New Zealand.

GRAY'S INN

Church news

Lord-Lieutenant for Bedfordshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Hanmer Hanbury). Lieutenant-Commandor Andrew

Wynn, RN was in attendance, The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Save the Children Fund, this evening Show Gala Evening at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-on-Avon where Her Royal Highness was received by the Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire (Cap-tain F. Fitzroy Newdegate). Mrs. Andrew Feilden was in

The Queen was represented by General Sir Rodney Moore (Extra Gentleman Usher) at the Memorial Service for Brigadier Charles Britten (Extra Gentleman Usher to The Queen) which was held in Worcester Cathedral this afternoon.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Major-General C. M. F. Deakin.

KENSINGTON PALACE February 8: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning at Kensington Palace chaired a seminar on Low Input Systems of Agriculture.
The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in

The Prince of Wales, Colonel-InChief, The 2nd King Edward VII's
Own Goorkhas (The Sirmoor
Rifles), accompanied by The
Princess of Wales, this evening
attended a Reception at the Ritz
Hotel, London, WI.
Lieutenant-Colonel David Bromhead and Mrs. George West were in head and Mrs George West were in

Calls to the Bar

The following students of the inns of court have been called to the bar for

Magne Magne

HM Government Mr Timothy Raison, Minister for Overseas Development, was host at a luncheon held at Admiralty House vesterday in honour of Mr L. C. Chakakala Chaziya, Minister of Finance, Malawi.

Institute Of Export
The Earl of Limerick, President of the Institute of Export, was the host at the Export Luncheon 1984 given at Fishmongers' Hall yesterday. The principal guest was Earl Jellicoc, Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, who replied to the toast the export trade.

Law Society
The President of the Law Society,
Mr Christopher Hewetson, was host
at a luncheon held at 60 Carry
Street, yestenday. The guests were;
Six Termos Becket. Mr Carrord Dann. Mr
Lagg. Mr Ceter Prufox, Mr David,
Woods, Mr A H Hoote, Mr P Fourter-Brock
and Mr J L Bowyon (secretary- general).

Dinners

Spenker The Speaker and Mrs Bernard Speaker's House yesterday. Those

Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, was host at a dinner given at 1. Cariton Gardens yesterday in honour of the Minister of European Affairs of the French Republic, M Roland Dumas.

Science report

From pastes to laser pantography

More than 180 engineers, physicists, chemists and electronic researchers from many countries have come together in London to discuss the advances in chemical and material science that could be harnessed by the electronics

In the process they have learnt to get used to each other's language, according to the Society of Chemical Industry, which organized the three-day conference and exhi-

"The present world market for chemicals in electronics is estimated at £5,000m a year but the sector is highly fragmented and no chemical

company yet has a dominant position", the society said.
"There is a large untapped potential for profits from chemicals that will help the electronics industry achieve its strategic objectives of miniatu-rization, reliability and novel-

To achieve that end, the scientists who attended the conference, emphasized that the latest techniques in semiconductor manufacture, the

is open all day.

£950 for persons not yet 16.

most developed plastics, optoelectronics and even pastes, dyes and inks must be used to enhance the design and production of electronic components and circuitry.

Most of the 17 principal

papers presented at the conference reflected that view. One prepared by a team from the Battelle Memorial Institute, Columbus Laboratories, Ohio, US, was typical in its approach. It emphasized the growing pressure on material chemists to produce components that will provide high-speed alternatives to silicon and to improve the fabrication of semiconductors.

A technique for the rapid solidification of semiconductor material, making lower cost production possible. illustrated those points. In the technique, a molten semiconductor is deposited in a thin strip on to a quickly rotating water-cooled drum so that it cools extremely fast and produces a ribbon or sheet of polycrystalline mat-

Lasers are now used to improve crystalline characteristics and to ensure that the

semiconductor material comparable in quality to that produced by more conventional methods. In fact lasers are being used extensively to improve the fabrication of electronic circuits, the delegates were told.

"Some of these techniques offer the prospect of radically altering the demand for different types of materials used in the fabrication of circuits today", the Columbus scientists say.

Lasers can be used to improve the parification of raw materials by the selective removal of impurities, to temper the surface of polycrystalline semiconductors, to alter the doping, or conducting characteristics, of semiconduc-

tor circuit elements. Laser pantography also offers enormous potential. In that technique a finely focused laser beam traces the circuit pattern directly on to a chip. The technique at present does not allow production on a large scale, but it prevents the need to use masking and etching techniques for the fabrication of electronic chips.

Behind this screen we are creating London's most exciting

Feast your family at our sparkling Sunday lunch. £14.50 or

new restaurant. Meanwhile, in the hotel, the Trianon Restaurant



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pianist, celebrating her birthday, which falls on Saturday, during rehearsals with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at the Festival Hall yesterday (Photograph: Suresh

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. W. Holderness and Miss E. D. Thornton

The engagement is announced between Martin, elder son of Sir Richard and Lady Holderness, of Rosetree House, Boxgrove, Chi-chester, and Elizabeth, dangher of Dr and Mrs R. Thornton, of 5 Bristow Park, Belfast,

and Miss G, van de Mortel

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Sir Michael and Lady Stewart, and Chislaine, daughter of Mr J-H. L. van de Mortel and Mrs S. Norbartde Murait. Mr N. E. Wicks

and Miss J. R. Collett

The engagement is announced between Nigel, elder son of Mr and Mrs M. E. Wicks, and Joanna, only daughter of the late David Seymour Collett and of Lady Miskin, and stepdaughter of Sir James Miskin, QC.

Mr D. N. Adams and Miss J. E. Belson

The engagement is announced between Donglas Nocl. son of Mr Christopher Adams, of Earchiston, Worcestershire, and Mrs Janet Thrift, of Stalbridge, Dorset, and Jane Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs William Belson, of Mr T. R. Arnold, MP

The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Mrs Cyrit Daniels and the late Mr Tom Arnold, and Elizabeth-Jane, widow of Mr Robin Smithers.

and Mrs R. Smithers

Mr R. A. Beeson and Miss J-E. Headley The engagement is announced between Richard Beeson. Royal Artillery, only son of Dr' and Mrs A.

A. Beeson, of Woking, Surrey and
Julie-Ellen, elder daughter of Wing
Commander and Mrs L. S. Headley.

of Weybridge, Surrey. and Miss C. Tritton The marriage between Rupert Birch and Christina Tritton will take place on April 28, 1984 at Coughton, Warwickshire.

Mr A. L. R. Buckingham and Miss B. H. Kirby

The engagement is announced between Anthony Buckingham, of Biddenden, Kent, son of Mr and Mrs C. L. Buckingham, of Cranford, Middlesex, and Beverley, daughter of Colonel and Mrs C. S. Kirby, of Ethern London.

Mr J. P. A. Davies and Miss K. L. Schiller

The engagement is announced between John Davies, I Royal Welch Fusiliers, younger son of Major and Mrs E Harry C. Davies, of Brynderwen, Llangadfan, Powys, and Kate, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Schiller, of Braemar, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Mr R. F. Dyson and Miss D. M. Grove The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Dr and Mrs F. L. Dyson of Litton Cheney, Dorset, also of Portheawl, South Wales, and Diana, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. J. Grove, of 16 Glebe

Road, Cheam, Surrey. £5.000 Bond winners | Latest wills



£7m estate for daughters

Mrs Gladys Doreen Sprinks, of Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire, left estate valued at £7.411,203 net. She left most of her property to her daughters. Lady (Raymond) Brown and Janet A. Burstall. Other estates include (net, before tax paid): Sidebottom, Mrs Constance Leigh-

£301,556

Mr C. R. Roberts and Miss S. J. Eckersley The engagement is announced between Charles Rodric Roberts, of Pheasant Court, North Chapel, West Sussex, son, of the late Squadron Leader and Mrs. A. L.

Roberts and Suzanne Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Eckersley, of Ewhurst Place, near Robertsbridge; Sussex.

The engagement is announced between Peter, second son of Mr. J. G. Thompson and the late Mrs N. C.

Thompson of 163 Antrim Road

Mr P. G. J. Thompson and Miss S. A. Rendell

House, Selsey, Sussex,

Mr R. E. E. Watkins

and Miss A. C. Hollingsworth

Vivian, of Sydling St Nicholas, Dorset, and Camilla, youngest daughter of Mr J. B. Hollingsworth

of Llanfrothen, Gwynedd, and Mrs E. Hollingsworth, of Cotton,

and Miss H. M. Bradfer-Lawrence
The engagement is announced
between Kenneth, only son of Mr
and Mrs T. Watkins, of Devizes.

Wiltshire, and Harriet, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs P. Bradfer-Lawrence, of Burgh, Ayl-sham, Norfolk.

The engagement is announced between Nicholas Mark third son of Mr and Mrs H. R. Elliston, of Lower Penn, Staffordshire, and Anne Florence, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs V. D. D. Stogdale, of Shotover, Oxford. Mr P. G. M. Ford

and Miss L. F. Wilson

The engagement is announced between Peter, only sou of Mr and Mrs Bernard Ford, of Orpington, Kent, and Lavinia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Wilson, of Fairford, Gloucestershire,

Mr M. J. Gibbons
and Miss T. C. Deveson Powell
The engagement is announced
between Marc Jordan, son of Mr
and Mrs Duncan Gibbons, and
Tiffany Chandler, daughter of Mrs
Powell, all of Richmond, Surrey.

Dr S. J. Hardman Lea and Miss H. M. Smith The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Dr and Mrs

M. Hardman Lea, of Mellor, Lancashire, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. N. Smith, o Keighley, West Yorkshire.

Mr R. D. S. Herbert and Miss A. J. Beales

The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs D. S. Herbert, of Crockenhill, Kent, and Ann, only daughter of Dr and Mrs S. J. Beales,

The engagement is announced between Rory, elder son of Colonel and Mrs R. J. D. Herdman, of I Cariton Terrace, Edinburgh, and Susan, eldest daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs J. Stirrup, of Gayhurst Court, Buckinghamshire.

and Miss R. Llewellyn

The engagement is announced between Alistair, son of Major-General and Mrs Michael Hicks, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Llewellyn:

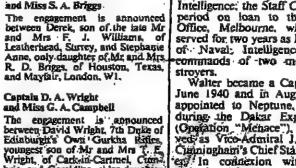
The engagement is announced between Trevor, son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Jones, of Woking and Saudi Arabia, and Julia, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Leo Honigsberger, of

Mr T. Lennie and Miss S. Shurey The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr A. C. Lennie, of Jersey, and Mrs D. M. Lennie, of Oxford, and Suzanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Shurey, of Melbourne.

Dr O. Letwin and Miss L G. Davidson

The engagement is announced between Oliver, son of Professor and Mrs William Letwin, of Kent Terrace, London, and Isabel, daughter of Professor and Mrs J. F. Davidson, of Luard Close, Cam-

Latest appointments Latest appointments include:



Marriages
Eng F. Rebello de Andrade
and Miss E. M. Richardson The marriage took place in Portugal on January - 14 between Eng Francisco Amaral Cardosa Rebello Andrade, son of Eng and Sra A. Rebello de Andrade, of Lisbon, and Miss Karyn Mary Richardson, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs I. R. Richardson, of Vila Nova de Gaia.

Mr C. C. Wordsworth and Mrs D. R. M. Heard Mr Kit Wordsworth and Mrs Toto Heard were married on Saturday, January 14 at Poole Register Office,

Major M. G. Wyatt and Mrs S. H. Dalzell Payne The marriage took place on Monday January 23, at Newmarket between Major Michael Wyatt and Mrs Screna Dalzell Payne.

Mr Michael Howard, QC, to be Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Solicitor General. Mr John Prosser, QC, to be Leader Mr John Prosser, OC, to be Leader of the Wales and Chester Circuit. Professor G. R. Conway, Professor D. E. Newland. Professor M. P. Vessey, and Mr J. J. R. Pope, to be members of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution.

Mrs Esme Walker to be Vice-Chairman of the National Consumer Council.

Mrs Mary Moore and Sir John Sainsbury to be trustees of the Rhodes Trust.

At first he exerted himself to expand the Jewish day schools established by his father bur then, as the war clouds eath. ered an emergency committee for the relief of European Jewry was formed under Chief Rabbi

years later with a doctorate, a

rabbinical diploma and a beard

efforts to rescue the victims of Anglo-Jewry has often been J. H. Hertz and Schonfeld, who shortly after was to become his felt to be more English than Jewish and the Adath was founded about 60 years ago by a son-in-law, was made director-It was his finest hour. He was number of prosperous North London families who feared that it might lose its Jewishness

not, and did not pretend to be a particularly spiritual man. To commanding presence there was added a commanding voice, metallic, sonorous, see altogether, they aimed to check the drift and, if possible, to reverse it. It began as a small congregation. Today it is rapidnorial. ly expanding, and its growth is Where others petitioned and prayed, he demanded and, what

is more, he got. He charterist ships and trains and travelled to the Continent himself to rescue · A tail erect blue-eved figure, whole families from the Nazis like a well-kempt Viking, there and bring them back to Britain!
Towards the end of the war was little in his appearance or manner to suggest the cloth, and he returned to the Continent nothing to indicate that he was Presiding Rabbi of a union of this time in uniform, which ulira-Orthodox congregations. suited him more naturally than But then he only took up the canonicals. He gave orders right.

Ministry as an act of filial piety and left, setting up soup-fit. when his father, the founding chens, synagogues and study Rabbi of the Adath, died at 49. rooms, and arranged for fleets of ships to bring out the scarred remnants of European Jewey and to enable them to start a He was one of seven children, the best known of whom was perhaps the late Sir Andrew

new life. The salvation he wrought was mainly physical; the spiritual revival followed as a by-prod-

He was '18, with only a high-uct. school education behind him.' Sc Schonfeld was humble only and clean-shaven. He was sent in his tastes; he lived, and died to Hungary (from which his on the brink of penury, He family stemmed), Lithuania leaves a widow and three sons.

CAPTAIN NORMAN WALTER

Newtownabbey, co Antrim, and Sara, only daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Dennis Rendell, of West Street Captain Norman Walter, DSO, who died on January 21 aged 85, had a distinguished Bayal career and was a director The engagement is announced between Johnny, only son of the late Captain D. W. P. Vivian and of Mrs of The Times from 1958 to Philip Norman Walter was

ÖBITUARY

72nd birthday, was Presiding

Rabbi of the Union of Ortho-

dox Hebrew Congregations

(.1dath), and had played a

leading role both before and

after the Second World War in

due in many ways to the

Shonfield, the journalist and

economist. Soloman Schonfeld himself was articled to a

solicitor when his father died.

energies and foresight Schonfeld.

Nazism.

RABBI SOLOMON

Orthodox Jewish leader

Rabbi Solomon Schonfeld, and Germany to complete his who died on February 6 on his education, and returned three

SCHONFELD

born on December 12, 1898. He was the son of Captain Philip Walter, RN, and grandson of John Walter III, himself, a proprietor and grandson of the founder of *The Times*. He entered the Royal Navy

in 1911, and served throughout the First World War as a midshipman and Sub-Lieutenant Appointments' between the

wars included commands of two destroyers. Somme and Wild Swan, the latter on the China Station; a year in Naval Intelligence; the Staff Course; a period on loan to the RAN Office, Melbourne, where he served for two years as Director of Navai; Intelligence; and commands of two more de-

Walter became a Captain in Narvik. June 1940 and in August was appointed to Neptune, where, during the Dakar Expedition Corps of Commissionaires and (Operation Menace"), he ser- in 1958 he became a Director of ved as Vice-Admiral J. H. D. The Times, continuing until Cimningham's Chief Staff Offic- 1964. egg in connexion with this

From February 1942 he went to HMS Nile, the flagship of Rear-Admiral, Alexandria, where he commanded the Inshore Squadron, NorthAfrica, for some months. There he was wounded and taken prisoner during the evacuation before the fall of Tobruk in June: 1942. In October 1944 he returner to active service to HMS. Cormorant, parent ship at

Gibraltar, serving as Assistant Chief of Staff to the Allies Naval Commander-in-Chief-In November 1945 he was appointed commanding officer of the New Barracks, Gosport. His last appointment was in 1946; as commanding officer of HMS St George, the boys' training establishment in the Isle of Man, then in the process of closing down. He was invalided from the Royal Navy in 1948,

Walter was mentioned in dispatches in 1940 for antisubmarine work during the first three months of the war. He had also received the DSO at From 1950 to 1960, Walter was a Commandant of the

1964. In 1946 he married Sylvia,

bria, and Geraldine, ekier daughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel C. M. Campbell, R.A.M.C. and of Mrs. C. M. Campbell, of List, Hampshire.

Marriages

Warriages

programmes of The Co-Opti-mists; in 1929 he owned, and wrote the libretto for the last

During the Second World War he was an ENSA executive

at Drury Lane. He also took a company of Fol-de-Rols to places as far apart as France, the Orkneys and Shetlands, Palestine, the Middle East and the death Middle East and the

desert, Maita and Italy, They

performed in everything from lorries and canteens to the Opera House at Milan. Later

they returned to their English

seaside resorts, with (as a

historian of concert-party has said) all the elements of a

London revue except the personalities of high-salaried

players.
In 1950 they had a London season at the St Martin's, with Greatrex Newman writing the sketches and lyrics, and Wolse-

icy Charles the music, and always showing "the mark of one intelligent mind in author-

In his prime Newman's work

was untiringly copious and successful. He knew exactly how to write for various players

- Bobby Howes, Jack Bucha-nan, Leslie Henson, for example

- in the manner their audiences would like best; and in the

went through phases such as Jazz painting; the influence of Studio 35; the Roccoc; the Gothic and a Rock period.

He was included in the 1956 Venice Biennale and was collected by the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, and

ship and production."

MR GREATREX NEWMAN

revival.

Greatrex Newman, the lyric and sketch-writer, who has died at the age of 91, was a man whose name had been familiar innumerable theatre

programmes.

Born in Manchester on July
3, 1892, he began to write when
he was twentyone. Foday he can be found on the West End programme of the Mr Cinders revival at the Forune, a musical comedy - as it was known more than half a century ago - of which he was partauthor with Clifford Grey: the music was by Vivian Ellis.

His quick turn of mind, his ease with the witty topicality, and his feeling for a rhythmical phrase, were evident in anything he wrote for the stage over many decades. He was a manager as well; since the mid-1930s the proprietor and principal author, as he put it, of one of the most famous seaside concert-parties. The Fol-de-Rols which he carried on after George Royle's retirement in

A list of the productions for which he wrote is a catalogue of success that includes, between The Passing Show (1914) and Gaicties (1945), such popular revues and musical comedies of their time as The Punch Bowl (1925). Vaudeville Vanities (1926). Lady Luck (1927). Mr Whitington (1934), and many

history of the century's musical theatre he remains one of he most durable names.

JIMMY ERNST Jimmy Ernst, the painter and son of Max Ernst, died in New York on February 7 at the age of 63.

Born, like his father, at Bruhl pear Cologne, he went to America in 1938 and began an arristic career in New York in 1940 without having had any formal artistic training. His early work shows the influence of Surrealism, from

Memorial service

Brigadier C. Britten
The Queen was represented by
General Sir Rodney Moore, and the General Sir Rodney Moore, and the Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel of the Grenadter Guards, by Major-General C. M. F. Deakin at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Brigadier Charles Richard Britten, late Grenadter Guards, held in Worcester Cathedral yesterday. The Dean of Wortester, the Very Rev T. G. A. Baker, officiated

The lesson was read by Lieutenant-Colonel, Pairiek Britten (son). The prayers were led by Canoa Peter Elioi and the Rev Lloyd Scott.

An address was given by the Rev Leonard Birch. The Bishop of Worcester pronounced the blessing. The music for the service was

by the Guggenheim Museum.

played by the band of the Grenadis Guards and the choristers of Worcester Cathedral sang under the direction of Dr Donald Hunt Among those present were:

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Britain is poised on the brink

of an entertainment

and communications revolution

The new age of television has would have us believe. Every indication suggests that, say the supporters of wide band cable networks. It will be a vehicle for carrying television pictures, information, banking services and a plethora of facilities brought to the viewer at the touch of a switch. At least that is the theory.

The practice is about to begin in carnest this year, putting pressure on the finances of the conventional broadcasting channels in the process. Eleven companies have already been granted franchises to operate multichannel systems, prohably

ces is the completion of the first grammes could be beamed the technology in Britain. It the appropriate antenna and the does not indicate that cable has electronics. The BBC were to be succeeded but merely that it has the British pioneers of that arrived.

But the completion of the first phase in the award of the franchises is a minor political started the debate on cable in the spring of 1981 and it was a debate which was to become decidely acrimonious.

Supporters of the "revolution in high technology" were hailed, by themselves, as forward thinkers and those who opposed them as outdated Luddites. further £180m in operating Opposents of the cable on the costs, beginning in 1986. other hand preached caution and warned that the quality and casting were in jeopardy if the cable operators were allowed to function unbeddled value of the cable operators were allowed to function unbridled. Neither side has been proved right.

That compromise arose because the interests of the Home Office and the Department of Trade and Industry were in conflict. The former wished to ensure that it was able to police the programming content of the new networks in the defence of the public good.

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The Department of Trade dawned, at least the proponents and industry, however, seemed of multichannel cable television more interested in relaxing the constraints that had previously shackled cable networks in Britain and use the expansion of these networks to stimulate the British electronics industry.

The 11 multichannel franchises were agreed to sustain the political momentum but the networks will not be in operation until a new cable authonty, with a brief to police the networks, is firmly in place.

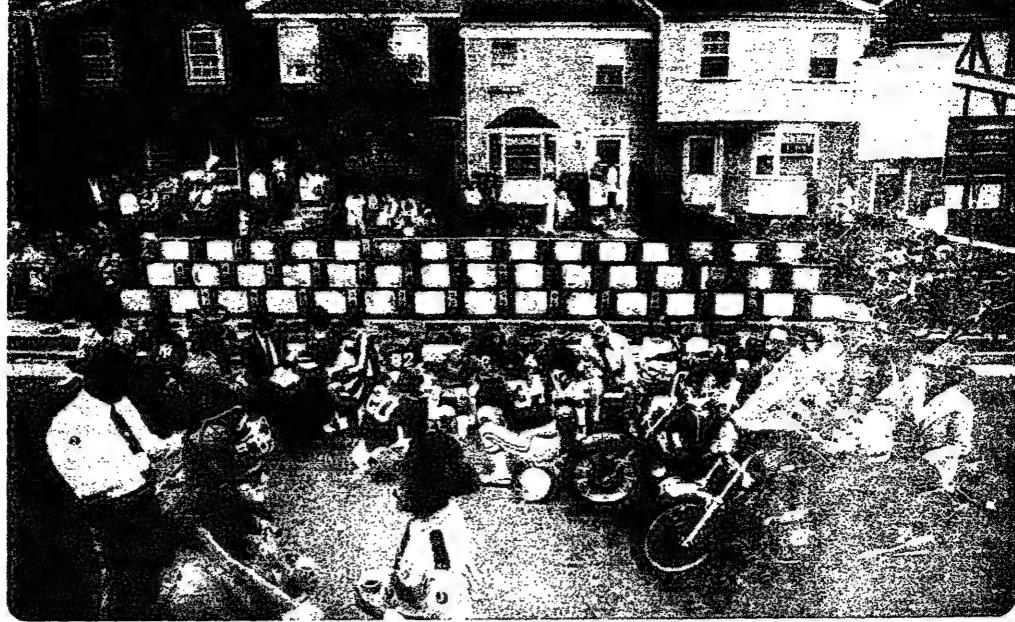
Satellites, with low and high power, are entical to the cable revolution. The Government as yet hassbeen unable to unravel the complexities that result with a capacity of about 30 from satellite transmission. The channels, while another II have policy on broadcasting by been given permission to satellite was principally geared expand their existing systems.

The awarding of these ficencusting (DBS) by which prophase of the plan to introduce straight to homes equipped with service and technology.

The economics of the project have been scrutinized by the BBC for more than a year. The coup which took more than two corporation's misgivings came years to complete. The information Technology Advisory when its board decided to Panel of the Cabinet Office postpone the launch date of the postpone the launch date of the satellite - at least that was the official version. What has become clear is that the BBC has lost confidence in the economics of a service that would cost it about £170m investment over the seven-year lifetime of the satellite and a

The expected expansion of cable with which the corporeconomic calculations dramatically. The appearance of low powered satellites able to distribute their programmes to cable television operators who would then redistribute them locally was the most disturbing innovation.

The first of these to be launched and become oper-



The American experience: what cable and satellite TV can mean to a small community. Leesburg, Virginia, population 8,357, has a choice of 44 channels, 39 of them for a subscription of \$7 a week, and five more specialist channels. An interactive cable system also means that citizens can shop, bank and vote from their TV sets. Picture: Ferorelli/Colorific

rocket of the European Space Agency (ESA). ECS-1 represents the first of a series of five satellites which will orbit 22,300 miles above the surface of the earth and able to communicate between most countries in western Europe. The nine transponders or channels on the first have been allocated by Eutelsat, the European Satellite Organization representing 20 European governments/tele-communication authorities.

Two have been allocated to Britain, two to West Germany and one each to Belgium, France. Italy, Norway, the Netherlands and Switzerland. Only one of the British have so far been assigned by British Telecom. That has gone to

munication Satellite (ECS-1) Satellite Television, the group being offered as a service by which was faunched fast summer from Kourou in French Oulana on board an Ariane rocket of the European Space Agency (ESA). ECS-1 represents the summer of this year it will the summer of this year it will the summer of th

Another critical ingredient which will be fundamental in deciding whether cable/satellite is to succeed will be the programming, the cost of that programming to the operators and ultimately to the subscribers. Despite the fact that the cable networks are local and only encompass about 100,000 homes, a great deal of their programmes will come from international sources and be distributed nationally by satel-

This type of distribution is

the summer of this year it was be beaming eight hours of programming into Britain during prime time.

Television is an expensive medium. Modest programming costs in the region of £30,000 and full costumed to print hour while a full costumed drama could cost nearly £1 m an hour. It is unlikely that cable will ever be able to afford the latter and the former might well be outside the budget of most companies during the initial years of start-up. That is the Catch 22 Without the programming there are no subscribers, and without the subscribers there is no money for programming. Satellite distribution helps to spread the cost.

Bill Johnstone

licence money

It seems odd but the established operators of cable television vere comparatively unsuccessful in their attempts to obtain franchises for the second generation cabling of Britain. Some systems - like Visionhire's British Relay Wireless - have been around since the 1930s so there is no lack of experience. The cynical view is that old

ful with one application) were too pessimistic about the profitability of the new cable franchises; the companies which won - many are consortia with members of impeccable financial experience but little technical expertise - were rather too optimistic in their assumptions. The established operators do

old fashioned narrow-band cables.

These operators have a head start on the newcomers but the advantages are limited. Visionfour-channel systems, piping in on cable services last year. programmes direct to homes using existing cables. But under the Government's rules they hands like Visionhire and must provide the existing

Rediffusion (which was success- subscribers with a free aerial to pick up the standard BBC and ITV services. Fruitless negotiztions with local authorities who believe operators make vast profits from cable means that some networks will be closed down.

The problem is that the existing systems were built for a different purpose - to improve have some advantages - they reception of the standard already have their existing broadcast services. They were networks, albeit using mostly built between 1930 and 1950. Visionhire estimates that to replace the cable serving its 250,000 subscribers would cost £300m. Its cable operation is certainly not a licence to print hire hopes to have converted at | money - its parent company, least some of its 55 networks to | Electronic Rentals, lost £2.5m

> However, the main concern of the existing operators is not

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lomorrow on-line today W. H. Smith Cable Services has been established to assist in the profitable growth of cable systems, through our video games, computer services and interactive programming. Our Games Network offers the finest and most extensive

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TO CABLE OPERATORS

Who's watching what? The battleground is the living room of the British family. The The new stakes run into millions of battleground pounds. The outcome, even for those who have studied the many mysteries of media research is as fickle as the flick in your

of a switch will allow. The cable revolution is just around the corner and it is not only television as we currently know which will never be the same again. Imagine the average cabled family in three years time. Both BBC channels are Still there, along with ITV and Channel 4. unchanged, at least for the moment. In competition with them for the viewers' attention are at least two major feature film channels.

Each costs an extra £10 a month on top of the basic cable fee of £8, and tonight there is a choice between Superman 5 on one and Tootsie II on the other. The conflict need not cause much heartscarching. The films appear at different times on other nights, so even if the family has not yet recorded one on their laser disc machine. there is another chance later. Where there might be some

argument is in the study, the home of the second set. The 10-year-old wants to use the rented microcomputer linked to the set to play the latest adventure game. It looks noth-ing like the electronic space invaders of today. Live cinema action has been recorded on the laser disc player, and it is manipulated on the screen by his use of the computer joystick. When his jet aircraft dives into them, and a public willing to Death Valley, he is seeing the pay for them.

The 15-year-old, on the other hand, would very much like to take a look at how her practice paper on English literature fared with the education channel examiner when she answered a mock test set on the computer last week. With the exam itself coming up in a few days, she needs to know what sort of

living room

The father is equally anxious to use the computer's interacend computer at the cable which sells software for home company's headquarters. He computers. wants to flick through his bank Two spo statements to see if his pay a new family finance program coverage, and British Cable on offer which might help him want one, the forms are waiting to be displayed on the screen so he can have an answer the next partner, is undoubtedly the

grades she can expect.

morning. It sounds like science fiction. but it is nothing of the sort. The technology for all these developments is already established or will be so within a year.

There is no doubt that the projects.

most popular services, and the ones which will be the most profitable of the programming companies initially, are the film channels. Three major film cable consortia have emerged to fight it out for the nation's attention. The Television Entertainment Group consists of Home Box Office, the pioneering cable network which now has 13 million subscribers in the Goldcrest Films and

Television, 20th Century Fox. and Columbia. United Cable Programmes is made up of Rank Trident, Plessey, Redifusion and UIP, the latter being itself a joint venture by several Hollywood film companies. Finally, there is Thorn EMI. which has plans for a first-run feature film channel, Premiere; a pop channel, Music Box; a children's venture, Jack in the tive facilities through the head Box: and a telesoftware channel

Two sports channels have announced their intention to cheque has arrived, and there's offer only sport and leisure Programmes, says it will be the decide whether to apply for a only company offering regular second mortgage. If he does coverage of the performing arts. The Games Network, run by W H Smith with an American

> most adventurous cable project of the moment, Initially, it will simply offer video games to be played on a £500 64K Japanesemade microcomputer which is included in the £10-£11 monthly rental. But later the system will expand into interac-tive home shopping facilities and financial and home banking



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Home and away: Producer Nicky Mideo in the control room of Swindon Cable, one of Britain's newest cable stations, and some of the viewing choices facing New Yorkers recently in just 90 minutes

Satellite Television, owned by News International, is already running an entertainment service by satellite, which is becoming available on an increasing number of cable networks. The Sky channel is

The music side of the cable

business has already been rationalized. Late last year, two rival groups, organised by

nearly 20 hours of pop a day, with music news, record re-

free to subscribers and looks to Virgin and Yorkshire Tele- Will the same happen with the bulk of its income from vision, merged to form Cable the big name, multi-million Will the same happen with Music, which intends to put out pound film channels? HBO's vice-president Dennis Garcher, views, and a section for older London as TEG's acting chief executive, has his doubts. In

America, a second film channel has worked, but one of the many differences between the US and Britain is the level of video recorder ownership. In America, it is nowhere near the 25 per cent reached in Britain. which has led HBO to believe that the success of a second channel largely stems from a desire on the part of the audience to have some flexibility over timing their television watching:

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But, if the initial excitement about the cable revolution has dimmed in the public's mind as the slow growth of the system becomes apparent, there is no doubt among the programme providers that there will be rich rewards for those who get it right. TEG talks of becoming a British film production unit one day, in much the same fashion as HBO moved into pictures as its fortunes prospered.

Mr Francis Baron, the managing director of W. H. Smith's venture, called the Games Network, predicts that interactive services will prove to be the saviour of the cable companies themselves, and is one of the few programme providers who can say that his services will be taken by all 11 pilot cable schemes. "If cable is going to be profitable in the long term, then the interactive services will have an increasingly important part to play."

For the first time, nothing stands between the television consumer and what he wants to ee except the financial realities of making material for the small screen. It is, indeed, a revolution, with all the belter-skelter risks and excitement that implies.

David Hewson



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The biggest imponderable about cable television is whether anybody will ever make any money from it. The difficultie of forecasting are compounded by the lack of market research any attempts to test public reaction are bound to be misleading to a degree because it concerns only a perceived service and not something which has already been tasted.

Cable is bound to be extremely price sensitive and the levels of fee which the public are likely to accept certainly won't provide the operators with profits. Even the established operators, who recently received permission to broadcast their own programmes across four channels, cannot rely on an automatic switch over to their The old fashioned relay cable

services, which simply piped the conventional channels into homes, cost only £1.20 or so a month. Whether those viewers will be prepared to pay £6 or £7 a month for the new service is a

What you will have to pay One survey by CIT suggests that most viewers would be prepared to pay £8 to £10 a mouth for the new cable services. Another survey carried

out early last year by AGB suggested that 28 per cent of

homes would pay up to £19 a From the point of view of the operator much depends on how many viewers decide to take the new service but most of the available research is United States-based where conditions are very different. In particular, video recorders have been a spectacular success in Britain with market penetration of

This, begs the question of whether people will pay extra for a premium film channel when they can record from broadcasts and watch at their own convenience.

about 28 per ceut.

the problem anyway: interactive cable systems will make it quite possible for someone with a second generation video-disc machine which can record to interrogate by cable a central library and record films over-

Ultimately much will depend on how sophisticated the services offered on cable become - considering whether people will pay £10 for a handful of alternative television programmes is a very short-term

An interactive system could provide theatre and cinema booking services, car maintenance manuals which can be Interrogated to find out why the car will not start, news services, recipe services, control of the oven by a telephone call, and many more. If predictions that people will carry out more work from home really materialize,

when the same service can be provided through the television

and a printer?
Such possibilities have scarcely been touched upon yet —
though we already have telebanking, teleshopping and security services — but at a guess Interactive services could save a household £1,000 a year by replacing conventional methods. Such a comparison puts the cost of cable television in its real

perspective but such services are probably 10 years away. The cost of cabling Britain is difficult to estimate. If about half Britain's 20 million bomes were cabled it might cost £2,000m to £3,000m. Penetration of 70 per cent would take the cost up to £5,000m. The costs of cabling each

house also vary enormously - if there are existing ducts, for example British Telecom, it

scratch it could be £350 a home equivalent to £35m for a 100,000 viewer franchise area,

United States operators worked on a 50 per cent take-up but the new British companies seem to have been more cautious and only expect 30 per cent, at least in some areas. Generally, 30 per cent is considered the bottom limit to be viable.

Estimates' suggest at best profits will be coming in in six rears or in 10 years at worst. Thus the long franchise periods granted by the Government (20 years for the "switched star" systems and eight years for the tree and branch systems) are essential for profitability.

The long pay-back period entailed by offering sophisticated systems has put off the established operators of the traditional cable services. They tended to put forward simple systems which would ensure a faster return for their shareholders. One exception is Rediffusion's successful appli-



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Playing the rent – buy game

To rent or buy? That's a dilemma which will face television viewers many times in years to come. The television rental companies, faced with competition from TV sales hacked by more reliable sets and five-year guarantees at an additional price, have struck back. Their theme is that the broadcasting revolution will make it more difficult for the television owner to keep up with the latest technology without buying a new set every lew years. The renter, on the other hand, can simply exchange his old set for one which can cope with new forms of transmission for little or no

It is an argument which can have no positive resolution, and 3 another reminder that possessing a television in years to come is going to demand a lot more thought than in the good old days when there was BBC 1 and 2 and ITV, with nothing cise to complicate matters.

Modern sets are, without doubt, more reliable than any of their predecessors. While their outward appearance may have changed little, apart from the arrival of the now commonplace remote control unit, behind the screen technology tremendous advances. Yet there will probably come a stage where the most modern of today's sets may not be able to cope with everything on offer to the viewer. When? Well, not with The proliferation of satellite broadcasting is likely to be the first serious occasion when large numbers of viewers find their sets incapable of commercial channels and their receiving a new television signal without the benefit of an add-on

device. Cable should be available to anybody with a modern television set, rented or not.

If you are one of the 900,000 lucky enough to be in the area of one of the 11 pilot cable schemes, you are likely to find out about the business fairly



economics of cable dictate that

the system becomes more

economic the larger its subscrip-

tion base, one could find that

the price of entry will drop,

rather than increase, as the

companies try to attract more

depends entirely on one's

viewing habits. A video re-

rented films at home can expect to pay £1 to £1.50 a night, and a membership fee in some cases.

Clearly, if he is a regular film

viewer, a cable service will not

services, the exercise becomes more difficult, since there is no

For the specialized viewing

appear extortionate.

Is £15 a month reasonable? It

owner who watches

name of the game for all of the out their figures, which makes it new cable networks, and with hard to predict how much the good reason, since they are trying to persuade people to part with their money to pay for a service which is completely new to all but a handful of British households. By the time the first cables come on stream, everyone who can be connected to them will know of the choice.

Most networks will charge a connexion fee, probably around the £15 mark, and a monthly charge for the basic service, For this, the cable will be fed into your home and you will receive on it the existing BBC and associated teletext services. The reception should be perfect and remain so night and day, and that alone may prove a boon for those households who live in a poor reception area.

But the real attraction of cable is the added choice it will give the viewer, and that costs extra. The cable networks and the companies who will provide them with their pay television ready comparison to be made,

Whatever British Cable Programmes charges for its arts service, for example, it is unlikely to cost as much as one single ticket for Covent Garden.

Those who decide to take one of the pay services will be tied to it for at least one month, and possibly more,

Whatever service one chooses, each subscriber will receive glossy advance magazines detailing the month's offerings and the time of their appearanccs. One should not expect too much of these publications; they will not have the huge advertising support which have Times into the country's two most lucrative magazines. The BBC and the ITV

companies are defending to the death their right to the copy-Neil Foster, technical manager, in the control room of Select

TV at Milton Keynes which opened in 1981

The control room of Select alternative service. Such a blatant cartel against the public Large scale promotion is the programmes are still working interest may outrage most of us and it is rarely defended by television people in private, but it has been upheld by the courts and will probably continue for some time. This will not stop new services will cost. The industry believes that a rough average for the provision of the basic service plus one premium cable subscribers finding out film channel is around £15 a receive details from the cable month. This may well vary from area to area, and, since the

networks themselves. Should you enlist and later decide that cable television is not to your liking, simply cancel your subscription. Most British networks will be based on a new form of cable technology which precludes the need for boxes of decoders in the home to enable pay television channels to be received. The switched-star system means that the cable operator can dictate from his headquarters precisely what services you receive without the need to visit your home. If you become a "delinquent viewer". as one programme puts it, your plug is pulled from afar. It is perhaps best not to throw away that portable aerial after all.

David Hewson

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Protecting a full British service

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There is a little doubt that the two licensed telecommunications carriers, British Telecom and Mercury, the privately owned consortium led by Cable & Wireless, will not only be active in providing cable facilities to the cable television networks but will also be the primary distributors of programmes nationally and

nationally, writes Bill Johnstone. It is the Government's intention that any cable operators will be heavily dependent on the telecommunications duopoly. Cable networks which are able to provide 'interactive' services - like armchair teleshopping or telebanking - will be encouraged by government policy. With the switch system technology the

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awarded franchise will be for 20 years. But no network, whether it has the capability or not to offer telephony the carriage of telephone calls, will be given approval

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to make money from cable but

to protect their rental outlets -

the televisions and video recorders in every home on the

end of a cable. Should they want

to update their systems they

have the advantage of already

negotiated way-leaves (the right to take cable to a house) and

These operators are likely to

unless that particular activity is done in partnership with either of the licensed

The formulation of that policy meant that British Telecom and Mercury would be a prominent force in the new cable networks. It is no surprise that British Telecom is involved with five of the 11 franchises awarded for multichannel cable television and that at least two, Swindon and Glasgow North, have declared their intention to work with Mercury.

The Government has declared that the Mercury network, once a ligure of eight, encompassing the major business centres of Britain, will be a full national service and that it will be protected from competition for seven years. It is therefore its intention that the cable network, particularly by Mercury, will offer local

telephone services in competition with British Telecom.

Both the carriers will be using London dockland sites to build their earth stations for distributing cable television programming nationally and internationally linking into the Intelsat satellite network and European Communication (ECS-1) spacecraft. British Telecom will have three such antennae operational by this summer although the site has capacity for about twice that number.

British Telecom has been aggressively

formulating a strategy to commercially exploit every aspect of cable television. It created a division to ensure that and moved forward on three different fronts: the provision of cable to licensed cable operators, the distribution by satellite or terrestrial link of programming and the supply of services to the networks.

protect their primary interest have done well because it without shouldering too heavy a houses many of the companies financial burden. In addition, at the forefront of electronic

Despite the diverse make up, many of the companies are remarkably similar. Costs will be high which means much of shouldered through loans. This means the new cable companies are likely to be more highly watch more television than geared (a higher ratio of debt to their shareholders funds) than most companies. This will lengthen the time taken to start

Plenty of complaints have been voiced that the new franchises are heavily biased to the South-East. But the Government never intended the country to be carved up on a geographical basis and the

selves more ready to develop sophisticated systems. In many ways the North – where some of the established operators tried but failed to get franchises - looks a better bet than the South-East. Houses tend to be closer together, often on large estates, which makes watch more television than their southern brethren. De-

up. Areas with what advertisers categorize C2. D and E populations are best but this research is based only on current of the effects of interactive systems.

Surprisingly, London is a poor area because of the low number revenue from non-entertain-ment channels is likely to be

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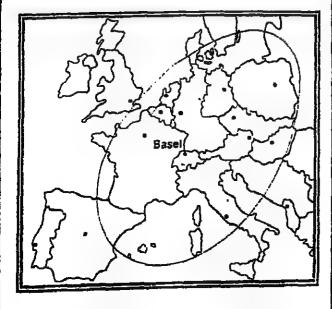
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oui incir GW1 after dishing out free actials and decide whether to apply on the basis of this experience for any new franchises which may

The established operators probably failed to win many of the 12 franchises on offer this

time (only 11 were awarded) because they were reluctant to commit themselves to interactive (two way for home banking home shopping etc) systems and local programming. A common complaint is that Rentals) and GEC, are leaders Kenneth Baker, the Technology Minister, wanted systems which were too esoteric.

The 11 new companies grammes through their systems chosen out of 37 applicants are mainly consortia including the rental companies, providers of bardware, leasing companies and financial institutions. By joining a consortium they can the providers of hardware, like Thorn-EMI (which includes rental operators like Radio

> in the technological field. to pay profits back to the

> > But for the suppliers of cable service is as much a showcase for their equipment as a commercial investment.

franchise areas

because much depends on what the local council charges the operator for digging up the street. The South-East seems to technology who showed them-

mography is therefore important. So is the sociological make

hardware, involvement with a experience and takes no account

critical to London operators. Jonathan Clare

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The American experience is all claim the proponents of cable and satellite television. There be unique and one that Europe would have substantial diffibeen designed for cable and country meant that unlike Britain, there were large areas the three major networks. That

Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania. satellite communication and the billion dollars are paid each relaxing of the federal auth- year by these subscribers, orities attitude to competition paying on average 10 dollars a among satellite carriers - month. known as the American "open Much is owed to the satellite skies" policy - has resulted in a technology. The first US domplethora of satellite capacity estic satellite, Westar 1, was across America. There are more launched by Western Union in than 20 major companies with the spring of 1974. By the plans for new satellite projects. autumn of the same year the

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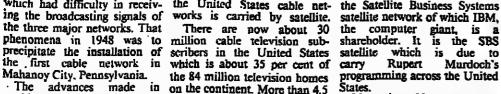
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important and an example which should be emulated, claim the proponents of cable In America, are an equal number who consider the US experience to be unique and one that Europe 30 million are would have substantial diffi-culties, principally political and legal, in copying. The United States could have now plugged satellite television. The great geographical expanse of the country meant that unlike

which had difficulty in receiv- the United States cable net- the Satellite Business Systems

phenomena in 1948 was to million cable television sub- shareholder. It is the SBS precipitate the installation of scribers in the United States satellite which is due to the first cable network in which is about 35 per cent of carry Rupert Murdoch's the 84 million television homes The advances made in on the continent. More than 4.5

Much is owed to the satellite Now every principal tele-second of the series was vision programme shown on launched and a year later a



More than 30 satellite programmes are beamed each day across the United States - all of them being received by a minimum of a million subscribers. Among the leading providers of popular satellite programming is WTBS, an independent station based in Atlanta, Georgia and owned by the charismatic entrepreneur, Ted Turner, It was he who pioneered the idea of having a super station" - a local station which beamed its programming

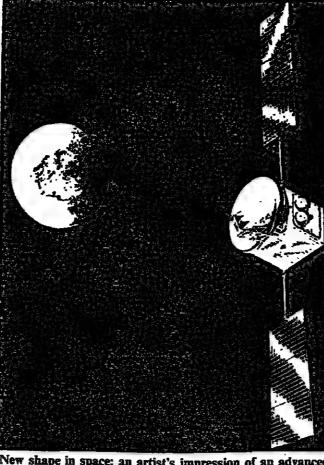
States, making it instantly a national channel. It was Turner who used satellites in 1980 to dramatically change the coverage of television news in the United States, He created a Cable News Network (CNN) which provides 24 hours news from around the world to more than 20 million

by satellite across the United

subscribers in America, One version of the Channel CNN1 is continous news in detail, while the other offers "rolling headline news". The latter is so skillfully written that it is sold to dozens of radio stations as their primary source

Entertainment and Sports Programming Network has more than 25 million subscribers and offers sport 24 hours a day. There are channels to cater to every possible taste. The top 20 channels carried by satellite include C-Span (political programmes, and live debates from the House of Representatives); MTV-Music Televison (video and rock music programming); Home Box Office (film channel); Nickelodeon (children/ young people's program-ming); CHN (Cable Health Network); The Weather Channel; The Nashville Network (country music); and the Financial News Network.

to take off principally because a type of publishing service on great deal of the cable networks cable. Warner Amex Cable in the United States are old and are in the process of being QUBE in Columbus and Cin-undated. About 90 per cent of cinnati. Ohio: Houston, Texas



New shape in space: an artist's impression of an advanced RCA Satcom in orbit

third. Westar IV was launched in February 1982. The Western Union success

was emulated at the end of 1975 by RCA with the launch of its Satcom I and another craft in the spring of the following year, for transmitting television pictures across the ice deserts of Alaska RCA's Cable Net 1 satellite launched in November 1981 was to become the primary carrier programming. Cable Net II was launched in January 1982.

Western and RCA were to set a pattern which was to be followed by dozens including the cable subscribers in America are connected to networks with less than 50 channels. That situation is expected to change in the next decade as these systems are upgraded.

Cables are now being installed which will have capacities for more than 60 channels and plans are being made to lay several of these at a time, thus offering networks carrying over 100 channels.

Interactive services have developed albeit slowly in comparison to the entertain-ment channels. Local newspapers are providing 'telenews' on cable. More

It is the special or interactive than 80 newspaper groups have services which have been slower been experimenting with this Communications network

and Pittsburg. Pennsylvania are examples of systems being developed to offer sophisticated interactive services like data retrieval and shopping at home.

Shoppers are catered for on the cable networks. Live auctions are shown on Gill Cable, San Diego, California; New York City cable offers Cable Video Shopper, while Televised Real Estate is a group leasing a channel from Co Cable in Spokane, Washington and Times-Mirror in California.

Continued from page II

applications, offering

simpler systems, failed.

of hardware.

cation for the Guildford fran-

chise which will mean heavy

investment. However, its other

The other side of what is a

very complicated financial enna-

tion includes tax allowances,

advertising revenue and the sale

Most, if not all the consortia,

which put in franchise appli-

cations built tax allowances into

their plans. In particular the

finance companies which have

joined several consortia need

capital allowances to put against

tax because the tax system is

blased against them. The

problem is that the Inland

Revenue, though it says nothing

Bill Johnstone

A 2ft dish could put you in the picture

point overlooking one of the big decode them. But it is an cities such as London, Bristol, inconvenience and an added Birmingham, Cardiff, Glasgow or Edinburgh, scan the office-

are turned skywards. be seen form the connecting link between a communications satellite and a customer receiving anything from television diameter. signals to computer data.

than 5,600 of these antenna movies and other programmes entertainment broadcasting who have emerged on the American scene.

categories. One transmits relatively low signals which need a large expensive antenna to be received making them more suitable for a community cable television system. However, they do carry a relatively large number of channels of between 12 to 48 for each satellite and at low annual cost of £2m or £3m channel. Nevertheless in the United

States a number of manufacturers have produced receiving dishes about 10ft in diameter, and costing about £2,500, which enthusiasts have installed in backyards to aim at the various satellites to obtain programmes just for the picking. Operators of pay-TV networks who are being charged for franchise for a particular community and, understandably, broadcasters like Home Box Office, shout

One plan to counter piracy

through which the cables pass are the "setting" rather than

Without these essential tax

allowances there are murmur-

ings that some consortia will

pull out. The question of tax status should be resolved soon

between the Treasury and the

Advertising revenues are difficult to judge. What is certain is that the conventional

independent television stations

will lose simply because there

are more services for viewers to

choose from so andiences will

Inland Revenue.

pieces of capital equipment.

What you pay

The issue is about to become building rooftops and try to more tangled with the introduclocate any dish antennae that tion of a second category of communications: spacecraft -There are not many in the Direct Broadcasting Satellite Britain yet, but the handful to (DBS). These are designed to transmit at high power to individual home receivers with antennas less than one metre in

Because of the size and power In the United States more of each DBS transmitter, only a few can be carried on a satellite, belong to cable television Under arrangements agreed at operators who are receiving an international conference, and known as the Geneva Plan. from one of the newcomers to each European country could have up to five channels of direct satellite broadcasting.

The DBS satellites are at an Communications satellites carly stage of development and for broadcasting fall into two no system is planned with more than three active channels per satellite. A British consortium consisting of GEC. British Aerospace and British Telecom have taken a lead in this work with a vehicle called Unisat 1 that should be launched in the autumn of 1986. -It was assumed until the

beginning of the year that the BBC would take two channels direct broadcasting on

In theory, domestic reception in Britain would need only a dish-shaped antenna two feet in diameter, which could be placed anywhere within direct view of the satellite. To receive the subscription film channel, viewers were to have paid either directly, using a coin box attached to the set which would electronically unlock that channel, or by subscription.

Unisat is designed with a working life of seven years. Technology Correspondent involves scrambling the signals Furthermore, the signals would

for the ITV companies

The local nature of cable

services will mean more local

advertising which will hit the

local papers. Recruitment adver-

tising is likely to take off in a

blg way. Programmes aimed at particular audiences, for in-

stance do-it-yourself, could also

the United States: there after 10

Again the only real guide is

hit specialist magazines.

increase their rates.

be transmitting television in a new format. Instead of the PAL system currently used in Britain, a different format known as C-MAC developed by the IBA was chosen as a better scheme.

In one of the many twists. turns and setbacks which have plagued all really significant developments in broadcasting policy, the British DBS project has stumbled. The BBC is unable to carry the cost (£150m), and efforts to redraw the venture with the BBC and the IBA using Unisat on a shared basis have been fruitless. There is no clear sign of how the mess will be resolved.

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Elswhere, over a dozen applications have been made in the United States to the Federal Communications Commission for permission to operate a

Because of its vast size with four time zones, the United States is expected to end up with between 50 and 120 DBS channels by the end of the '80s, A good 19 years before DBS

satellites became a topic of conversation, the German Government was doing research into ways of beaming television programmes direct into homes so that it could reach residents in West Berlin more in West Berlin more readily. Against that background, it is clear to see why proposals for a public service in Germany by direct broadcasting are more complete than for any other European country, It is called TV-Sat. Neverthe-

less it will complement two powerful satellites which are intended to stimulate community cable-television TV-Sat : is expected to be the first European DBS in space.

Pearce Wright Science Editor

ing rules which will be similar to those already enforced by the Independent Authority to limit the number of

minutes an hour. But it will also

draw up special rules for

spousored programmes.

Many consortia members are also manufacturers of the equipment which will be used to provide the services: Thora-EMI, Cable & Wireless, GEC and BICC, for instance. There-EMI says it intends to sell a wide range of its existing services and products to all cable operators.

years of cable it only accounts for 1 per cent of the total national spending on advertis-The supply of hardware. short term, is likely to be the first source of profits from the cabling of the country.

Jonathan Clare

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ing. In Britain the new Cable officially, believes that the ducts fall. This will make it difficult Authority will draw up advertis-COCACIOSIASE Ealfill Stallon SOFFIE 250UNG Fines month

The station is opening in the heart of the city's dockland. Its purpose: to provide TV distribution services, via satellite, to the UK and European cable networks.

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Index rises

5.3 points

A steadier performance over night on Wall Street enabled the London stock market to pica

itself up off the floor yesterday as share prices enjoyed a

The FT Index having lost

nearly 33 points this week rose

5.3 to 805.0 as a few cheap

buyers appeared on the scene. But prices closed below their

best levels of the day as further

selling developed in New York

in early trade. Blue chips

managed small improvements of

between 2p at 3p, although most investors decided to tread warily

Tension in the Middle East

brought gold shares back into favour and the bullion price improved on the world's market.

Oil shares were also singled out

for attenion including those with

big North Sea interests. But the

Government's new "tap" £1,000m of Exchequer 94 per

modest rally.

January 1983, to 276.

Barclays Bank International's floating rate note issue to raise fresh capital has been increased from \$250m to \$350m (£248m), Barclays Merchant Bank announced yester-

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Lords pursue the details of BT's private affair

will be keeping a wary eye today on the to bring in deposits, they may end simply proceedings in the House of Lords, where increasing the cost of its existing deposit the British Telecom privatization Bill is base rather than enlarging it. Midland has entering the committee stage. In addition not traditionally been strongly represented to the standard Labour opposition, a at the upmarket end of the banking sector group of Conservative and cross-bench so the impact of its scheme on existing peers have put down a number of amendments, reflecting their unease shared by many outsiders - about the effective monopoly they believe BT will continue to enjoy even after its floatation

The attack is in three main areas: the need to make BT's operating licence regularly reviewable by Parliament (instead of being a 25-year-long gift in the hands of Whitehall); the need to restrict BT's right to go into the equipment manufacturing business; and the need to strengthen the powers of the regulatory authority, the Office of Telecommunications, that is being set up to monitor BT's operationis and pricing policies when it becomes a private sector company.

It would be stretching one's faith in the Parliamentary process to expect a series of Government defeats at the hands of these ermined rebels, but the Government is anxious about the strength of the campaign and may well be forced to concede one of their points. The most likely concession is Parliamentary sanction over the licence.

Any concession would be welcomed by telephone by telephone users and those, like Lord Weinstock of GEC, who want genuine rather than cosmetic competition in the industry. But retreats and modifications will not make any easier the task of Kleinwort Benson the lead bank on the issue and thus chiefly concerned with with making a success of the BT flotation.

Midland's check on societies

It was only a matter of time before one of the big four clearing banks introduced a high interest bearing current account scheme, despite all protestations that bank customers wanted no such thing. In the event it is the Midland Bank which has taken the plunge with a high interest cheque account aimed firmly at the top end of the market.

In return for keeping at least £2,000 in the account, customers receive a money market rate of interest (9 per cent at present) and can write free as many cheques as they like for a minimum of £200. They can cash one cheque a day for £200 at Midland branches and have an ordinary current account which attracts no bank charges provided it is kept in credit;

Midland's scheme is a worthy challenge to the plethora of such accounts on offer convertible loan stock alternative. It will from smaller competitors, it should also have to raise the bid to win. At 165p it will. be a useful weapon in the long-running be touch and go battle with the building societies, for Some are still surprised that Hanson deposits - a battle which the banks are has chased London Brick as far as it has

sterling deposits pay interest at market. company with the glamorous prospect of a rates and one danger is that every time a

deposits may not be marked.

Midland's scheme however is unlikely to be the end of the story. At some stage the other clearing banks will surely respond, Meanwhile, Save & Prosper is planning to announce significant changes to its own high interest cheque account later this month; they may well leave Midland's looking rather out of date.

Hard words at London Brick

At the request of Hanson Trust, the Takeover Panel executive on Tuesday invoked the 39-day rule in an attempt to force London Brick to publish the asset revaluation it has prepared. This is the key part of the London Brick defence against Hanson's unwanted £212m takeover bid and it was hoping to hold it in reserve for use in the event of higher terms. The Panel ruled that it should have been in the hands of shareholders two days ago and that for every day of delay from then, a day would be added to the February 14 deadline, after which Hanson would in normal circumstances not be allowed to raise its

If the deadlines were put back indefinitely it would make a mockery of the sacrosanct takeover principle that a company should not be subject to siege for more than 60 days. The Panel surely

cannot be so stupid. Meanwhile, the hard line is being pursued. The £2/2m bid had already been seen off. The dismal 2 per cent acceptance level was witness to that," says Mr Marcus Agius, a director of London Brick's merchant bank, Lazard Brothers. "We have no intention of releasing information which would not be published in the normal course of business. Until Hanson raises its bid, we will not release the asset revaluation."

Mr Martin Taylor, at Hanson Trust, is equally determined to prize the asset valuation out before deciding whether the current £212m is the final offer.

Hanson's meanderings through the technicalities of the takeover code must at least indicate that it is still serious about when it merely extended its offer on Monday after receiving such a derisory devel of acceptances.

- The current market price of London Brick shares at 153p is above Hanson's 145p cash terms and also a little above the

There minst be something in London Having taken their deposit bases for Brick's argument that the traditional granted for many years, bankers are now cyclical nature of its profits are a thing of acutely conscious that retail deposits must the past. Combining London Brick with be nurtured and fought for.

Hanson's own Butterley Building Mattoday about half the clearing bank's erials would also create a mighty brick profitable re-flotation in five years time.

NEWS IN BRIEF:

Call to curb exports of scrap metal

Britain's ferrous scrap merchants, whose exports now account for 40 per cent of output at prices which have doubled in the last year, yesterday defended themselves against calls from steel makers

inside the European Community for exports of scrap to be constrained in the hope that as a result prices would decline. But the British Scrap Federation said vesterday that there was no case to be made for restraint at a time when it was quite able to supply the needs of the domestic steelmaking industry. Last year, BSF members exported a record 3.8m tonnes of scrap worth £188m.

burgh-based merchant bank. raised pretax profits from £1.47m to £1.52m in the year to January 31 and Mr Angus Grossart, managing director, says the group is entering a period of substantial growth in activity and profits.

Mr Richard Giordano, chief executive of BOC, said that be continued to expect a sharp profits growth this year. At the annual shareholders meeting the chairman, Sir Leslie Smith, also won shareholders approval for the chief executive to buy his London home, rented from the firm, for £500,000, the equivalent of Mr Giordano's

ing economic outlook came yesterday from Trade Indemnity, the leading United Kingdom credit insurance company, which reported that business failures notified by its policyholders in January 1984 fell rates, might lead to changes in financial flows which would by 14.6 per cent compared with make looser targets appropriate. vesterday his view that no action to reduce the deficit

Shares drop sharply in slow trading

Stocks were down sharply, in early trading yesterday. But the

probably bottoming out around here after a deep and fast sell-

Mr Volcker also made clear

Business Machines down 1/2 at

Liberal peer proposes 25% boost to state pensions

NCB subsidy rises

by another £192m

By Lorna Bourke

A 25 per cent increase in state retirement pensions, paid for by the abolition of the stare carnings-related pension, is among controverisla proposals for reform submitted to the Government pensions inquiry by Lord Banks, Liberal spokesman in the Lords on social security. "The plan is a radical one

which would sweep away the earnings-related pension, put everyone on contracted-in National Insurance contributions, and increase the basic retirement pension by 25 per cent", said Lord Banks.

Employees would also be given the chance to opt out of their employers' pension schemes. They would be able to choose instead a portable self-employed type of pension scheme. Employers would be obliged to contribute to em-

Stylo may

ignore

£36m bid

By Jonathan Clare

company, may take the highly unusual step of making no

formal defence against the unwanted £36.7m bid from the

Harris Queensway furniture and carpet group of Mr Phil

Stylo's merchant bank adviser, Lloyds Bank Inter-national, said it was considering

such a move after receiving the formal offer document from Harris Queensway which was posted to shareholders yester-

day. Mr David Horne of LBI said:

"It's exactly the same price as before, it's still conditional on

50 per cent acceptances. But holders of 50 per cent of the

shares have already said the rice is not good enough so it is hardly an offer. We are there-

fore considering simply telling

shareholders that there is no

offer." This would mean Stylo

would issue no formal defence

The tactic of ignoring a bid

was successfully used by Percy

Bilton last year in its defence

against Trust Securities.

Mr Horne is due to meet Mr

Arnold Ziff, Stylo's chairman,

today to discuss the tactics. He

will probably write to County

demand that it substantiates the

claim that 30 per cent of

The Harris message to Style

shareholders in the offer docu-

ment is that they must support

the bid as a signal to the Stylo

board that it must negotiate.

A spokesman for County

is that the Stylo board can sit on

their hands until the 60th day and that is the end of it."

The Ziff family controls Stylo

brough an archaic management

hare structure. It also has

influence over a large block of

the ordinary shares held through the Rochdale Canal Co,

a subsidiary of a property company with Mr Ziff on the

Without board agreemen

Hairis cannot win control of Stylo even if all the other

shareholders accept its 325p per

share offer.
Stylo could easily mount a

strong defence on asset backing from freehold high street prop-erty which is probably worth at

County Bank said there was

no question of a higher bid without talks with the mound

first.
The Stylo board has already

said there is nothing further to discuss and no talks have been

held since the original approach.

Harris says that it has letters from

holders of 30 per cent of the Stylo

shares, mainly institutions, in

least 500p per share.

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shareholders support the bid.

Harris adviser, to

document.

Style, the Bradford shoe

rangements in the same way many advantages. They would they fund occupational pension substantially increase the basic

upper limit on employers' contributions towards these pensions of 3 per cent of payroll.

join their occupational scheme.

Lord Banks.
The employees would however be able to contribute a higher proportion without a matching employer contri-bution, though it would have to remain within the limits for self-employed pension contri-

"All those who chose not to

or who were not covered by an occupational scheme, should receive, if they voluntarily contributed to a personal pension plan, a matching contribution to that personal pension plan form their employer up to a fixed limit", said

By David Young Energy Correspondent

creased its funding of the National Coal Board to cover

its losses in the current financial

Mr Peter Walker, the Sec-retary of State for Energy, in making the announcement

yesterday, also said that if the

present overtime ban by miners

carried on beyond the end of next month another £80m of

government funding would be

Mr Walker, in a written

parliamentary answer, said:

"Prospective losses on this scale

underline the seriousness of the

board's financial position and

the extent of the industry's

dependence of the Government

The deterioration in the NCB's financial position has

come despite progress made by

Mr Ian MacGregor, the new

chairman, in reducing costs and

The revised government grant has been made necessary

by a continued decline in

market share and the recent

severe subsidence damage at

The new government funding

will also cover the cost to the

NCB of measures agreed with

the Government to support the

foundry coking coal market,

encourage the build-up of stocks

strategy, Tricentrol, the inde-

pendent oil exploration group,

is to sell the bulk of its

American onshore acreage and oil reserves in a deal that could

and administrative and techni-

cal staff. But it did say that its US debt of \$102m (£72.8m) "will be substantially reduced."

Tricentrol has decided to concentrate its resources on 32

tracts from the Gulf of Mexico

yesterday, when the bulk of its

new, £1 billion 1998 tap stock

Applications were allotted in

The announcement of the

new stock, the first medium-to-

long dated issue since October 1981 caused something of a stir

at the minimum price of

was left at the tender.

£94.50 per cent.

and on its Montana gas fields. share.

be worth upwards of £55m. The company refused yester-day to disclose the exact size or value of its reserves, acreage

the Central Electricity £51.3m in earnings.

Tricentrol to raise £55m

on sale of US assets

In an apparent reverse of Both areas are successfully

By Wayne Lintott

£1bn tap stock flops

The Government's funding price was pitched aggressively at programme suffered a setback about 50p below market levels.

needed by the NCB.

and the taxpayer."

excess output.

some pits.

year from £408m to £600m.

The Government has in-

"These proposals would have retirement pension, considerably helping those who benefit not at all or very slightly from the present earnings-related pension", said Lord Banks.

Abolition of the state careings-related pension coupled with an increase in the basic state pension has been advocated often by those who point to the injustice of providing better pensions for those already able to make provision for themselves, while leaving those on the basic state pension in need of supplementary

"The increase would be achieved without extra cost to the Exchequer and the complicated contracted-out procedures eliminated", said Lord Banks.

MacGregor: financial decline

despite higher output

Generating Board and major

contracts.
Mr Walker said yesterday

benefits to the NCB in terms of

the end of March would result

Coal stocks in Britain are

higher than at the same time

last year despite the 14-week

producing and both are ex-pected to require significant

The company's operations in

Sea exploration programme will

current year and to have a

beneficial effect on earnings per

This was taken to mean that

the Government was deter-

mined to maintain heavy sales

of gilts to hold back monetary growth before the Budget, even at the cost of keeping yields

Gilts have performed poorly

this week, unsettled not only by

the new tap, but by indications that US interest rates are

development expenditure.

the Thistle field cash flow.

its immediate cash position any

continuation of the ban until

approve a further £80m

"The long-term funding prob-lems of the earnings-related pension would disappear".

Lord Banks's proposals have the backing of the Liberal Paris social services and taxation panel, but will not become Liberal policy unless approved by the Liberal Assembly or Council.

His recommendations will get short shrift from pensions giants like Legal and General which also published vesterday its submissions to Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State

Mr John Craddock, pensions director of Legal and General, said; "Proposals for personal and portable pensions could seriously undermine United Kingdom occupational pension schemes and leave millions of employed people and their families much worse off.

Exports 'to boost small companies'

By Derek Harris

this year may be even better than the forecast 4 per cent rise and small companies could be Bureau national conference at

About 80 per cent of those using British Overseas Export Board (BOTB) services, to introduce British companies to overseas markets, fell into the small firms category he said.

Mr Channon said: "I believe

export prospects may be even petter the rise so far forecast, In were up by 9.5 per cent on the previous quarter." BOTB services were likely to

industrial customers, and to cover the cost of United Kingdom coal replacing cheap panies. A review had been imports bought under long-term that although the miners' overtime ban had brought

spoke at the conference.

schemes helpful to small businesses are to be collected into a in Parliament being asked to much smaller group, each with a clear purpose. The plan will be drawn up by May. The number of schemes could be confusing to small companies, said Mrs ban which has cost miners

The economy is likely to grow by nearly 25 per cent a year between 1984 and 1988, according to Mr David Kern, chief economist at National China and Australasia will be unaffected and the heavy North Westminster Bank

Mr Nigel Turnbull, the finance director, expects the deal to alleviate the group's than the EEC average and a significant improvement on cash-flow requirements in the past performance when Britain's growth rate was only half that of the industrial world as a

> In the February issue of the bank's Economic and Financial Outlook. he says Britain's Sovereigns' (new): better than at any time since the 1973 oil crisis.

Frimley, Surrey, yesterday,

be reinforced for small com-

started to see how services to small companies could be Government support

Bigger break wanted, page

This would be slightly faster

cent 1998 has been badly received. The Bank of England yesterday announced that all tenders had been met in full at 1894 50 the minimum price \$94.50. Dealers said investors had

Prospects for British exports he ones to benefit, said Mr Paul Channon, Minister for Trade, at the Small Business

the last quarter of last year they

small businesses was echoed by the prime minister who also

It emerged that some 60

There were bearing fruit, the conference was lold. Some 20,000 businesses registered for valued-added tax in the three 3 month dollar $91\%_{16}$ $91\%_{16}$ years to 1982

Economy 'set for growth'

taken up only a small percentage of the issue are expected to open at a discount later today. Market report, page 18

for the time being.

STOCK EXCHANGES FT index: 805.0 up 5.3 FT Gilts: 82.37 up 0.19 FT All Share: 486.24 up 2.49

Bargains: 24,828 Datastream USM Leaders Index: 103.35 up 0.15 New York: Dow Jones Industrial Avera (latest) 1172.42 down 8.07 Tokyo: Nikkel Dow Jones Index 10,099.59 up 38.67 Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1078.79 down 6.61

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE

Sterling \$1.4125 up.30pts index 81.5 down 0.2 DM 3.8950 down 0.01 FrF 11.95 down 0.01 Yen 331 up 0.25 Dollar

Index 130.4 down 0.3 NEW YORK LATEST Sterling \$1.4135 Dollar DM 2.7530 INTERNATIONAL

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9.493 per cent. GOLD

London fixed (per cunce): am \$384.95 pm \$386.25 close \$386-386.50 (2273-273.50) New York (close): \$386.25 Krugerrand* (per coin): \$397.50-399.50

Tebbit warns US on trade barriers

From Our Correspondent, Washington Mr Norman Tebbit, the Nato alliance and all that hangs Secretary of State for Trade and upon it, Mr Tebbit said in an Industry, blantly warned the address to the US Chamber of United States yesterday to Commerce. prevent protectionist actions in Specifically, Mr Tebbit cited the current election year which a series of recent US actions would not only damage its and proposed action which are

address in which he raised Europe's strong concern over the growing number of trade restrictive, measures being adopted in the United States.

appeared to be poised at a platform critical stage in its economic "About critical stage in its economic "About 80 per cent of our recovery where it could make imports entered duty free - that the right or wrong choice on is more than twice the pro-

trade-related matters.

Bluntly, the wrong choice choice for the American econchoice for Western security, the restraint," Mr Tebbit said.

continuing agricultural dispute were all on the list. He noted that the British

portion in the US - and at the last count we found that only 6 would not just be the wrong per cent of our imports of industrial products were subject omy, it would be the wrong to some form of non-tariff

IMF cash fears recede

By Our Economics Correspondent

But lending commitments pected, helped by the pick-up in the world economy and success-

last Friday, since the minimum unlikely to fall further. News background: Reagan's budget deficit

Volcker fears US recession may return

The continuing falls in Wall Federal Reserve's targets were cuts in middle class insurance where the President is increas-Street share prices this week consistent with real economic and pension benefits known as ingly vulnerable, reflect a new feeling of nervous- growth of 4-4% per cent, and "entitlements - Mr Reagan Initially the str ness about the American economy. This was triggered off by level - unless there was action unspecified action later.
on the budget deficit. He also He binted that aft President Reagan's 1985 budget proposals to Congress which failed to deal with the country's huge budget deicit. It was compounded by the contradictory spirit of statements by Mr Paul Voicker, the Federal

Reserve Board chairman. In two days of evidence to Congress this week, Mr Volcker has made clear his anxiety about the scale of the budget deficit, which he said he would like to see fall by at least \$50 billion a year. Yesterday he to reduce the deficit in his new added that a reduction of only smartly in an election year, negotiate modest spending cuts inflation is down and he can and tax "loophole" closurees of \$30 billion to \$50 billion would not lead him to loosen monetary targets, but he conceded that wait until after the election to continued reductions in the make his move. deficit, leading to lower interest

It has a calculated political gamble, because now the stage is set for a year-long national debate before packed audiences on the causes and possible grim would be off limits. effects of what Democrats are calling the Reagan deficits.

that interest rates would only proposed a two-part strateby of to work. The Democrats took fall if growth flagged below this a little action now and a lot of the offensive in a move He hinted that after the who was elected as a fiscal pointed to its consequences for elections he would hi the conservative. the American balance of pay- middle calss with substantial

. For now Mr Reagan has forthcoming proposed bipartisan negotita-But President Reagan tions started yesterday with Against the advice of some of leaders of Congress on a \$100 his top advisers, decided not to billion "bomipayment" on propose unpopular programmes deficit reductions over the next three years. The talks started budget on grounds that the US yesterday. In the 1985 fiscal economy is moving along year, Mr Reagan wants to

\$20 billion. In his budget message and a subsequent interview with the Wall Street Journal, Mr Reagan indicated that substantive de-fence cuts and tax increases

embarrassing to a President

They proposed to double the size of the downpayments to \$200 billion over three years,

Using the President's own budget figures, the Democraticcontrolled house budget committee issued an analysis which said that under almost four years of Mr Reagan's leadership, the national debt had surged 74 per cent for the largest increase since the Second World

Based on present tax and spending laws, the deficits indicated in the Reagan budget would be even larger than the President projected, rising from

This much was admitted by Mr Martin Feldstein, head of the President's council of

\$300 billion and the forecasts for growth, inflation and interest rates would have to be

remove the threat. Democratic leaders said the President should propose a list of specific cuts and revenue closures and that he must state exactly what he intends to do after the election so that the

director of the Office of Management and Budget, said year as previously feared. that this would be political to bite after the election and we

If neither was done, he said the deficit would balloon to

voters have a clear choice. But Mr David Stockman,

suicide. In a briefing on the budget, he said: "There are going to be a lot of hard bullets might need an extra \$8 billion are not going to put up a list commitments, on top of last an agreed loan has alone now for all the Democratic year's 50 per cent increase in released \$750m for lending

Last autumn M Jacques de Larosière, the IMF managing ful adjustment programmes in director, warned that the fund several countries.

national Monetary Fund may not need to raise new cash this have proved lower than ex-

member countries' opotas of

economy but have grave conse- raising tensions and the level of quences for the Western rhetoric to a disturbing degree. lliance. Steel import constraints, new In his first visit to Washing-extraterritorial trade controls, ton since assuming his present unitary taxation, the auto position last October, Mr domestic content legislation on Tebbit delivered a hard-hitting cars, textile constraints and the

Government, despite a current high-level of unemployment, was Mr Tebbit said the US reelected on a firm open trade

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A significant improvement in subscriptions and a \$6 billion the financial position of debtor loan from the industrial nations countries means the Inter- and Saudi Arabia.

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for export restrictions. Pressure has been growing

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annual salary. Another sign of the improv-

New York (AP-Dow Jones) -

trading pace slowed noticeably a lessening of the selling later. pressure now in the last
The Dow Jones Industrial remanats of the drop. We see a
Average was down about 8 buying opportunity here with
points to below 1173 and the much higher prices after a
transportation average was off difficult first quarter. Among
almost 8 points to 521.

Declining issues were 8 Imost 8 points to 521. the blue chips leading the pullback were General Electric down 1/4 at 53%; International

Mr. Ronald Koenig, managing director at Ladenburg 110; Eastman Kodak down ¼ to Thalmaan, said: "The market is 70% 8; NCR down ½ at 113½

Thalmann, said: "The market is 70% 8; NCR down ½ at 113½ harris is interested in Stylo probably bottoming out around and US Stell down ½ at 27½.

Teledyne: 158% down 2%; Pennywise discount stores which are similar to its own Pound-stretcher chain.

ments (and, by implication, the benefit cuts and propose a dollar) pointing out that the complete overhaul of the US necessary inflows of foreign tax system capital might not continue to be For now

Administration officials said \$195 billion in the fiscal year that Mr Reagan's stategy in 1985 to \$261 billion by 1989

to work. The Democrats took

citing Mr Reagan's projected deficits as a threat which must be addressed in more substantive fashion than he proposed.

would increase risks of renewed recession in the United States. On the course of interest rates during 1984, he said that the

economic advisers.

revised completely. Both sides agreed that the threat to a sustained recovery. adequate capital formation and balanced development of the economy was clear. They have not yet agreed on how to

candidates to shoot down".

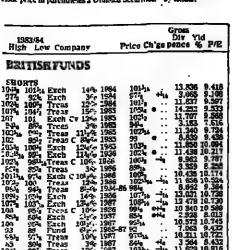
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Waring & Gillow tables £133,000 profit

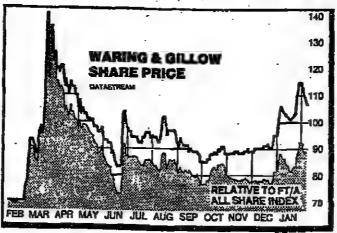
The effects of the expensive Saatchi & Saatchi advertising campaign to realign Waring & Gillow in the furniture market

are yet to show through. The efforts to knock the management into shape combined with lower interest rates, slimmer staffing and profits from the United States stores have put the company on course for its first decent profit

Yesterday's half-year results saw a profit of £133,000 against a loss of £889.000 last time. More important, this set of results has negligible property profits of £11,000 against £165.000 last time. With the redundancy programme almost ended there are no exceptionalitems against last time's £112,000.

However, the results to the end of September are largely historic. Saatchi's campaign to woo shoppers who previously went to Habitat started in the autumn and should show some results in the second half, It is long-term "image"

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advertising at a rate of £2.5m a share make Waring the peranby Harris Queensway which is though one approach last year designed to get the customers into the stores by price cutting.

Better results from the US.

Better results from the US, The January sales have been which had high start-up costs cut-throat and it remains to be seen what effect this will have former loss-making menswear and the last three months of the business will help the full wear. on the last three months of the vear which ends next months year which ends next month.

Net assets of about 170p per possibly £1.5m for the year. results. Expect at least film;

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Martin Ford

A combination of refurbishmerchandise has resulted in a 77 per cent jump in the pretax profits of Martin Ford, the family-controlled women's wear retailing group.

In the year to December 3. profits climbed from £187,000 to £323,000 on sales 9 per cent high at £7.5m. The results benefited from an extra week's unding - the latest period took in 53 weeks against 52 last time. But the real boost came from the refurbishment programme. which is not substantially completed, the closure of unproiftable shops and the upgrading of merchandise into more fashion-oriented area

of the market. The company says that trading is continuing to improve and profit should rise again this year,

Selective closures have trimmed the group to 42 shops, most of which are based in London and the Home Coun-

Mr Martin Ford, the chairman, said: "our new merchandising policy is paying off. We are now aiming much more at people who have money to

spend while in the past we had been in what is called the accepted fashion end of the market for average-to-low income bracket people". Mr Ford naturally hopes that

ties. They have now all been refurbished along the lines of the Conran Associates' design

that the company com-

missioned some years ago.

though the aim is still to cater

for the group's traditional

market segment of women's

garments for eight to 25-year

one day the company might once again make the £1.3m plus profits achieved during the late 1970s. At 25p, the shares yield 6 per

cent after a 40 per cent rise in the final dividend to 0.7p. Stock market

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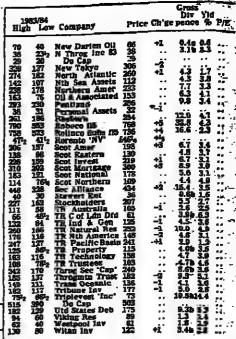
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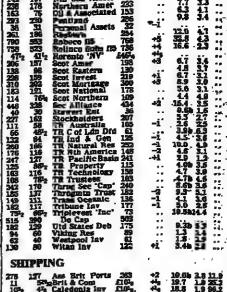
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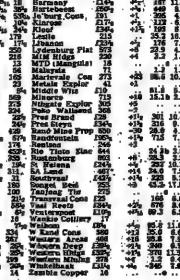
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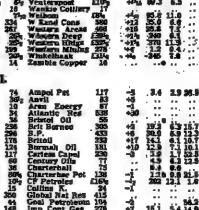
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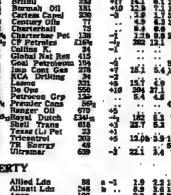
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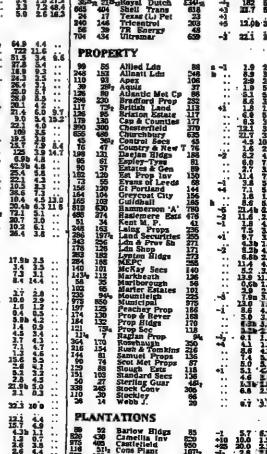
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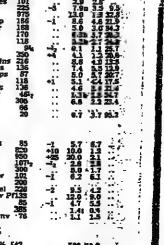


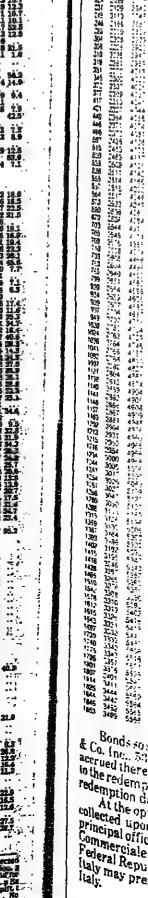








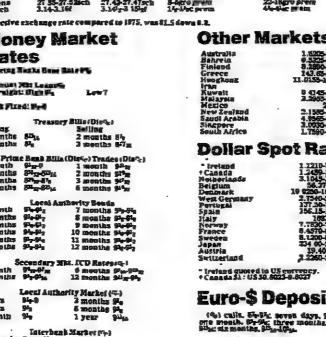






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Sterling: Spot and Forward **Money Market**



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Grittar enhances Aintree chance with bold show of jumping

forefront of the Grand National picture with a superb display of fencing in the Whitbread Trial Handican at Ascot yesterday. After continually outjumping his rivals, the 1982 Aintree winner was outpaced by Tracys Special and Canny Danny in the straight. John Francome was delighted with the performance. "Grittar ran a marvelious race. He's still as fat as a pig. He's bound to show further improvement and the National is still a long way off."

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The champion jockey missed riding Grittar into fifth place behind Corbiere last year due to a broken collar bone but it now seems likely that Francome will partner Grittar on March 31. Grittar is now either 16-1 or 20-1 with leading book-

Frank Gilman, Grittar's ownerbreeder and trainer, is enjoying his annual holiday in Tenerife but Steve Marshall, his head lad, said: "Grittar was not right last year and this is the best he's been for 12 months. Mr Gilman will be back to watch Grittar run at Nottingham in 10 days' time and he'll probably have another couple of races before

Tracy's Special's neck victory Tracy's Special's neck victory over Canny Danny gave Andy Turnell the richest prize of the former jockey's short career as a trainer. Steve Knight made full use of the winner's stamina by sending the fight-year-old into the lead a mile form horse Consul Process. mile from home. Canny Danny threw down a determined challenge over the last three fences but the favourite was always just being held. Both 'the winner and runner-up now have the Ritz Club National Hunt Handicap at Cheltenham as their principles farrest. Turnell has their principles farrest. Turnell has

their principal target. Turnell has done remarkably well with Tracy's Special since taking the gelding over from Richard Hannon in December. 1982. Four of his six victories in that period have been gained this season. The Mariborough trainer is now praying that the ground will dry up in time for the Schweppes Gold Trophy on Saturday. "Secret Ballot has won in the soft but he's got so much speed that the drier it is the Jimmy Fitzgerald.

GOING: Good to soft

Huntingdon

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2.0 WHITTLESEY CHASE (Handicap: £1.816: 3m 100yd) (11)

2.30 SIDNEY BANKS HURDLE (Novices: £5,400: 2m 4f) (15)

3.0 TOTE CHASE (Limited handicap: \$2,364: 2m 4f) (3)

BARRER REEF (D) (Mrs T Tate) T Tate 7-11-7
DORT TOUCH (R Stort) J Jerkins 10-10-12
BARRYSTELE (CD) (A Bend Lid) P O'Cornor 8-10-9
PLAGSTAFF (CD) (Mrs of Lugg) T Forster 12-10-8
LEANDER BLUE (Mrs M Rogers) D Michoson 7-10-6
HAYBALE (CD) (Exors of late G Goodward J Spearing AURCAND JACK (Mrs D Plurkser) P Armystage 10-10-0
RIDAN TOWER (Mrs A Davies) J Gifford 9-10-0
WENDYS WHIZZ KID (D Todd) D Todd 8-10-0
POOR EXCUSE (O Herdey) O Harrisy 9-10-0

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BROWNE'S GAZETTE (D Browne) M W Dickinson 6-11-4

CENTROLINE (A Bingley) C A Ball 6-11-4

MARUBENE (T Rowingson) T Rollingson; 7-11-4

MR PARSONS (A Thompson) D Nichelson 6-11-4

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WORTH AVERUE (P Ormod) M Chapman 6-11-4

WORTH AVERUE (P Ormod) M Grapman 8-11-4

THE PAWN (Mass C Coyne) M Ryan 6-11-2

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WOODLANG GENERATOR (Mass M Presce) P Printherd 5-11

BASTA (J Blog) R Hollinghaid 5-10-11

HARVEST FORUTHE (Mar M O'N-8ii) H Collegidge 4-10-5

RIGON THE BEIN (P Coby) Mrs K Coultmat 4-10-5

ROON THE BEIN (P Coby) Mrs K Coultmat 4-10-6

SHNEE PAT (D) (J Thompson Lud) G Richards 4-10-0

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8-11 Browne's Gazette, 9-2 Show House, 6 The Pawn, 10 Homeole, 12 Regency Tam, 1 ubeni, Centroline, 16 others.

b3211p-60-0010 HENRY KISSINGER (D) (J Marsworth) D Gendolfo 10-11-1 1-23213 GREENWOOD LAD (Nes A Grantham) J Gifford 7-10-13

O LONG STANTON HURDLE (Handicap: £1,338: 3m) (21)

Huntingdon selections By Michael Phillips

0 Hydrangea. 2.0 Barrier Reef. 2.30 Browne's Gazette. 3:0 Greenwood
d. 3.30 Roadhead. 4.0 Palaestrina.

Cheltenham Festival entries

Fotar Cherherham Gold Cdp 3m (2f. asddy, March 15): Ashley House 10, Inscurs 9, Bregawn 10, Brown Chambletin Burrough Lad 8, Canny Danny 2, Captain In, 10, Drumlangan 10, Eveneti 8, Fifty Gasaber 8, Gasbery Bazze 8, Macy Dewn 9, serve 8, Prince Rowan 8, Roys Bond 11, st Lish 11, Sher Buch 12, The Mighly Mac Varward Lad 9, 22 antifes.

18 11, Silver Buck-12, The Mighty Mac ard Led 9, 22 antries. ford - Crystal Champion Nordie (2m., March 131, Admira's Cup 6, Alastor is 5, Amarèch 6, Batista 8, Berrien 5, Deas 5, Boren Prince 7, Buckle 5, Jude 18, Centroline 6, Chrai 6: Cart a Dawn Run 6, Desert Orchid 5, Farr 7, Fine Sun 7, Fighleigh Gamble 9, For

Auction 8, Fredcoten 8, Gallerit Royal 6, Gaye Brief 7, Glorious Jene-4, Holemar Ser 7, Janus 6, Migrator 8, Miller H8 8, Mrs Playfair 8, Princh Hose 8, Re Nove 5, Robin Worder 6, Royal Vuican 6, Rushinsor 6, Secret Ballot 10, Silver Sasson 8, Stray Shot 6, Suda Buda 6, The Foodbroker 8, Very Promising 6, 38 entres.
Gasen Mother Chasteline Chase 2m. Wednesday, March 14; Antilice 13, Bedsworth Boy-9, Brahms and Lucz 6, Drumpora 12, Festress Imp-9, Fishleri 3, Iden Green 7, Kathes Lad 7, Kildiowan 8, Lible Bay 9, Pounerdes 7, Poyntz Pass 9, Ratingorman 12, Royal Rahala 8, Swer Bracker 3, Stag Hill 7, The Brookshee 9, The Elsie 8, The Afforty Mac 9, Walnut Wonder 8, Water Rock 9, 23 Embres.

3.30 MAJOR CHARLES TOWNSEND HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: 2606:

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late attack of Bally-Go on the flat, Nick Gaselee, the winning trainer, was thrilled to receive the Reynoldstown Trophy from Fulke Walwan for whom he formerly worked as an assistant. Duke Of Milan has claimed some notable scalps recently, having beaten A Kinsman at Cheltenham as well as Forgive N Forget yesterday, "He now goes straight for the Sun Alliance", Gaselee said, "As long as the ground's not too heavy, he is sure to run well". The trainer is undoubtedly right but Forgive N Forget will show better form when Forget will show better form when he encounters heavy ground, Despite his mistakes, the favourite

The battle for supremacy in the The battle for supremacy in the jockeys' championship between Francome and John O'Neill continues to rage unabated. O'Neill cost his way into the lead after driving Cybrandian past the post a length in front of Francome's mount, Aces Wild, in the Sapling Novices' Chase, Aces Wild was in trouble racine out of Swinley trouble racing out of Swinley Bottom and his staming came into play too late.

play too late.

Following the early lalls of Gaye Chance and Crimson Embers in the Fernbank Hurdle, a thrilling finish was fought out between Mayotte. Mossmorran and Goldspun, And it was only in the final strides that Paul Richards forced Mayotte's head in front "Mayotte will have Paul Richards forced Mayotte's head in front. "Mayotte will have one more race in the Waterford Crystal Stayers Hurdle at Cheltenham before she is retired to stud": Richard Holder, her trainer, said. Desert Orchid, gave his usual bold display of front-running in the Datchet Novies' Hurdle, to record his fourth victory from five starts. e's got so his fourth victory from five starts it is the this season. David Elsworth's five-year-old is now a possible runner in the Champion Hurdle



Brave Hussar (nearest camera) and Ten Bears jump the last together in the Sapling Novices' Chase at Ascot but Aces Wild (pale colours) is poised to overhaul them and challenge the winner, Cybrandian (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Browne's Gazette to pass test

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

Browne's Gazette, who has yet to be extended in three races over hurdles, faces his sternest examination at Huntingdon this afternoon.
The six-year-old has gained easy wins at Wetherby. Catterick and Kelso but has beaten little of merit. The weather ruled out what would have been an informative clash with Aonoch at Haydock last month but Browne's Gazette now takes on Centroline, a former high class Flat

Having cost only 4,000 Irish punts (£3,100) when he was sold as a three-year-old, Browne's Gazette will look an even greater bargain if he extends his unbeaten record to four by winning the Sidney Banks Memorial Novices Hurdle, He will be tackling two and a half for the first time but the longer distance should not bother him as there is an abundance of stamina in the bottom half of his pedigree. His dam is a

Ascot results

1.30 DATCHET HURIDLE (novices: £2977: 2m)

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2.0 SAPLING CHASE (novices: \$500: 2m)
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2.30 FERNBANK HURCLE (E4383: 3m) MAYOTTE on m by Lattle Buskins - Jill Sco (8 Davies) 8-11-13....... P Richards (11-

TOTE. Win: £5.80. Ptaces: £1.80. £1.20, £1.90. DF: £11.00. CSF: £28.67 R Noider at Brissol. 1₂, 4l. Permabos (8-1) 4th. Geye Chance (2-1 fey)8 ran.

8.05 WHITBREAD TRIAL, CHASE Prenticap £10.687; 3m)

Canny Danny , Tubbil 7-10-5
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Gritter , M Doyne (9-4 lav) 2
Gritter , M Doyne (9-1 lav) 2
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TRACYS SPECIAL b g by High Top

half-sister to Pandofell, the 1961 Ascot Gold Cup winner, Centroline was a top flight stayer on the flat when with Henry Candy and was an easy winner of the Jockey Club Cup at Newmarket in 1981. He was sold to a patron of Chris Bell's stable for 28,900 guineas by Tattersalls at Newmarket in December.

If he had a run under his belt. Kathies Lad would be hard to beat in the Tote Steeplechase but without one he may not be able to give weight to Greenwood Lad who ran weight to oreenwood Lad who tain
so well in the race won by Everett at
Chetenham at the end of last
month. Before that he was still in
with a chance of winning the
Embassy Premier Chase Final at
Ascal when he fell at the last Ascot, when he fell at the last.

Roadhead, a stable companion of Greenwood Lad, has always excelled at Huntingdon, and he can increase his number of course

victories to seven by winning the Major Charles Townsend Memoria Hunters Chase.

The Wincanton Challenge Cup looks at the mercy of Fifty Dollars More He ran Wayward Lad to a short head at Huntingdon in November as a preliate to giving The Tssrevich 191b and a length beating in the Kennedy Construction Gold Cup at Cheltenham in

next two races in style, Fifty Dollars More's poor performance in the King George VI Chase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day, when he was beaten 25 lengths, has become even harder to explain.

With John White, that very talented amateur rider, in the saddle. Cheeklo Ora will be hard to beat in the Dick Woodhouse Hunters Chase,

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Wincanton selections ... By Michael Phillips
1.15 Fredwel. 1.45 Celtic Bell. 2.15 Fifty Dollars-More. 2.45 Cheekio Ora-

on boards

YACHTING

By John Nicholls The Royal Yachting Association are to organize the Fist Work Youth Boardsailing championship in Cowes from September year. The event will be Wrexham.

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The championships will be based at the National Sailing Centre which will be both the administrative will be both the administrative. centre and provide accommo

locations using different venues on-the Isle of Wight chosen daily with regard to the prevailing wind: Boards will be provided and will be one of the International Yacht All IYRU affiliated national authorities will be invited to send a team of two board sailors, or three if

one is a girl, up to a maximum entry of 60.

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Board sailing already has crinicated and world championships in all recognized classes, a women's championship and a board sailing event in the Olympic Games, but sail now no world youth event. It was previously thought that board sailing was in any case a youth activity, but experience has shown, however, that youngsters generally are not capable of winning adult events.

Lymington prize promise

The Royal Lymington Yacht Club are introducing a new eliminator series for this year's Lymington Cup match racing championship, sponsored by Long Life (John Nicholls writes). The preliminary series will give an opportunity to young helmsmen to compete in match racing at the highest level. Their opportunity occurs in part because Phil Crebbin, winner of the championship in 1976 and 1977 and runner-up last year was invited to compete bu

declined.

He has suggested that his place should be reserved for a young British helmsman to gain valuable experience. Crebbin himself was

Four young helmsmen will therefore be selected to take part in an eliminator match racing series on Saturday, March 24 in Contessa 34 yachts, loaned by their owners. This date, which does not clash with any pre-Or, imple events, will enable potential Olympic helmsmen to tato part. The club, if requested, will help in finding crew members.

Applications are invited from helmsmen under 25 at December 31, 1984 to be sent to the secretary, Royal Lymington Yacht Club, as soon as possible with a brief sailing



SQUASH RACKETS

Clarke too good for Ingledew

By Rex Bellamy The cheekily confusing introduc-tion of a Fleet Air Arm pilot at first

The cheekily confusing introduction of a Fleet Air Arm pilot at first string did the Royal Navy ho good when they played the Royal Air Force in the first match of the Inter-Services squash rackets champion-ship at Lee-on-Solent yesterday. The RAF, who included two newcomets from their under-25 team, won 3-2.

The mysterious Navy No 1 was Norman lagledew, a former runner-up for the British junfor champion-ship. Ingledew has British parents but halfs from Johannesburg and has represented South Africa and Zimbabwe. He is a player of impressive class with a fumboyam penchant for the backband reverse angle, and at 25 he should be at his peak, but Ingledew has had little time for squash in recent months, latterly because of training at Dartmouth. Yesterday he was beaten 10-8, 9-6, 9-0 by Dave Claske.

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After the first panie it became intreasingly evident that Inglodes lacked the fiftees and record match play to withstand the compenitive tacked the tribess and accent matchplay to withstand the competitive
stress Clarke imposed on him.
Clarke made profitable use of the
drop shot on both flanks and varied
his pace and length with such a tidy,
discretion that Inteledent sizes atom
drained of energy and confidence.

Robin Bawtree, who won the first
of his 15 Navy championships as
long ago as 1962. is now quelified
for the over-40 event. He emerged
from the squash wilderness of
Portugal for this special anniversary
and played at fourth string, but was
beaten 9-7. 9-7, 9-3 by Mick
Leonard, aged 20, who won the
Combined Services under-25 championship last November. Leonard's
reminder of the generation gap gave
the RAF an imprefinable 3-I lead.

Today the RAF will play the
Army, champions for nine consecutive years, whose first three susings
have accumulated a total of 170international caps; mostly for
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Navy. With yesterday's supposition scotland. The tournament will end tomorrow, when the Army play the Navy. With yesterday's sharpening experience behind him, Ingledew may have some interesting questions to ask Robbie Robinson, who has not been beaten in Services competition since 1980 but is now based in Germany.

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RESULTS in string order, RAF names first: D. Cattle bit in Gledow. 10-4.5-4.8-9-1.4-shar lost to A. Johnstone. 3-4.8-3.9-1.4-shar lost to A. Johnstone. 3-5.8-3.9-1.1 Gent to Gibbs to G. Huggins, 2-10.2-9.8-4.2-5; M. Lacinero Lr. R. Beastres, 3-7.3-7.3-3.5 Gestaying by P. Beastri, 3-3.7-5.9-4.9-2.

World youth Satellite tournament to look for brings Britons champions back down to earth

Of the 10 British players included in the draw of 32 for the LTA satellite tournament at Leiford only learny Banes has this saged to reach the quarter-finals, vesterday he bear Offic Rahusto, of Finland, 6.2.7.5.

Sates: who compeled so disagnopointingly: in edging past Nick Brown in the first round, was far from the bear against Rephasto, his strongest suits, went down to be bear ved credit, for non-theless descrived credit, for coping with are opponent who started out with a noticeable limp, but became faster and faster as the manch progressed.

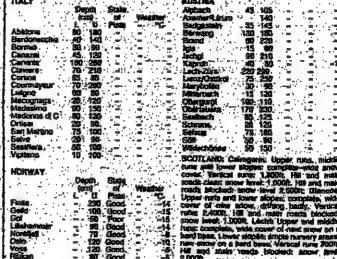
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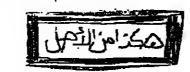
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12p up at 158p.

Sears Holdings.

By Jeremy Warner

Newmarket Company (1981). Britain's biggest venture capital group, has run out of the money it raised from the public in 1981 earlier than expected and is returning for more.

The company yesterday announced plans for a cash call on shareholders to raise \$22.6m (£16m). A one-for-one scrip issue is planned followed by a one-for-three rights issue at group, Kodec, but other poten-185p a share, which is an effective discount on the rulling stock market price.

Three of the company's four controlling institutional shareholders, the Kuwait Investment Office. Witan Investment Company, and Equity & Law Life Assurance, have indicated that they will be taking up their rights, but The Fleming Mercantile Investment Trust, which owns 11.35 per cent of the company, has yet to decide.

When Newmarket raised \$38m (£27m) from the public in December 1981 it said the money was expected to meet investment needs for three to

four years.
The company said: "We have spent the money in two years largely because the volume of venture capital activity has been much larger than we thought".

A director's valuation has revealed a net asset value of \$6,98 (492a).

Courtaulds set for US deal

Courtaulds, the big man made fibres group, has reached agreement in principle to buy the cast acetate film operation of Georgia-Pacific Corporation at Newark in the United States. It is a small business with sales of only \$16m (£11.3m) a year. The purchase price is expected to be agreed by the end of the month.

Courtaulds already make cast acetate film, a transparent foil. in this country under the trade name of Clarifoil and a spokesman said that the acquisition should be seen in this context. When Courtaulds raised £70m from its shareholders last May, it said it was looking for a sizable acquisition in the United States.

MARKET REPORT • by Michael Clark

Bid speculation lifts Grattan shares

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began, Jan 30. Dealings end, Feb 10. Contango Day, Feb 13. Settlement Day, Feb 20.

Expect news shortly of a renewed bid of 100p a share for Grattan, the mail order catolouge group. At least that was the view in the market yester-London Stock Market to stage a day as the shares surged 10p to modest rally as a few cheap 78p - just 8p short of the high buyers appeared on the scene. as almost 500,000 shares chan-The FT index having fallen nearly 33 points in the past two days was 6.4 up at its high for At this level the group is worth about £44m having often the day, but another nervous been tipped as a possible opening in New York saw it

takeover target. The market's close 5.3 up at 805.0. Blue chips managed some healthy gains but closed below their best levels of the day. Associated Dairies rose 2p to tial suitors are waiting in the 148p. Blue Circle 3p to 423p. BOC Group, still reflecting Less than two years ago recent figures, 10p to 287p, Cadbury Schweppes 3p to 122p, Grand Metropolitan 10p to 333p. ICI 6p to 596, Marks & Spencer 4p to 223p, P & O 3p to 267p. Tate & Lyle 4p to 410p listed Securities Market Among its conclusions is a hold recommendation for Marinex.

> But the Government's new long "tap" has proved a flop. The Bank of England yesterday announced that all tenders for the £1,000m of Exchequer 9% per cent 1998 at a minimum price of £94.50 had been alloted in full. Dealings are expected to open today at a discount with the jobbers operating the stock as an old fashioned "tap",

showed small scattered losses in shorts, while at the longer end wasn't Grattan which spoilt the of the market prices barely stirred from overnight levels.

In electricals shares of Plessey hit 212p at one stage before Gratian had been warned of closing with a net gain on the recently. "God knows, its news the rise in the share price, but day of 2p at 208p following to me. These rumours were refused to comment. A better news of large sales coups for its around a few weeks ago", he Ranger Oil 5p to 670p. Shell 3p

performance on Wall Street advanced defence radar and said. Fidelity ended the day 2p overnight enabled to rest of the military communications sys- lighter at 158p, but Polly Peck

Mr Michael Clark, deputy 304p. chairman and deputy chief executive of Plessey said the group's order book had now reached the \$1 billion mark with orders for £500m having been received this year, so far, from Britain, Europe and Australia. "The current financial year is going to be another record year for the company".

Elsewhere, as Mr Asil Nadir Broker James Capel is a big fan

of Britoil and is recommending the shares as a "buy" to its clients following a seminar with the company on Friday. With assets of about 340p a share the and Trusthouse Forte 3p to shares are standing at over a 100p discount to the asset value. Capel says its an AI recommendation and expects the shares will go well. They responded with a rise of 17p to 233p.

was winging his way on a whistle stop tour of Polly Peck's operations in Turkey and Cyprus Fidelity, the first private group to be given permission by an old fashioned "tap".

British Telecom to market its cordless telephone, was denying towed small scattered losses in reports of a possible trade link-

> Mr Stephen Dickman, chairman and managing director of Fidelity, also denied he had had several meetings with Mr Nadir

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was a firm market rising 20p to

On the Unlisted Securities Market shares of CML Microsystems, the manufacturer of integrated circuits for sound products in both civil and military equipment, made a strong start to dealings. The shares offered at 130p each opened at 177p and quickly climbed to 188p before closing at 186p - a premium on the day

has also revealed details of a placing on the USM, Xyllyx, makes Infobox and Infoedit sustems offering coinoperated information screens to the public, has placed .3.5 million through Anglo Dutch Investments and broker Kemp Mitchell at 50p a share. This values the entire company at £10m and dealings are due to start next Tuesday. The withdrawal

Another high-tech company

keeping troops from the Lebanon and the growing tension in the rest of the Middle East was good news for oil and gold shares yesterday. Among the oils attention was focussed on the main North Sea producers where jobbers still appear short of stock. A case in point was Burmah, up 10p at 181p, where one buyer tried to pick up more than 100,000 shares unsuccesfully. Other big gains included

to 618p. Tricentrol 5p to 203p and Norsk Hydre 11/2 to £511/4. Gold shares also came in for long awaited support helped by the higher bullion price which closed at \$3864. Consolidated

Gold Fields stood out with a rise of 18p to 560p, while Broken Hill added 6p to 890p. Powell Duffryn held steady at 322p following Hanson Trust's decision to take a near 5 per cent stake last week. Earlier this

week the Kuwait Investment Office reduced its stake in the company from 5.62 per cent to 4.73 per cent, or 1.85 million

The Gibraltar-based com-

Shares of Richardson Westgarth stood out with a leap of 6p to 30p yesterday on renewed talk of a bid. Sir Benjamin Slade's Shirlstar Investments owns a near 15 per cent stake and is being tipped as a possible contender. Sir Benjamin was unavailable for comment last

pany Seaforth Investments has bought another 10,000 shares in Whittington Engineering taking its holding to 142,000 shares, or 12.42 per cent of the total. Whittington added Ip to 36p on the news.

County Bank and its associates now own a total of 1.3 million shares in TR Energy amounting to 6.63 per cent of the total. The shares held steady at 48p. Meanwhile, Sun Life Assurance has topped up its stake, in Viking Resources, unchanged at 89p, and now hold 3.27 million shares.

Directorships for two at BAT Industries

BAT Industries: Sir Denis Mountain and Mr David Jessel have been appointed directors

of the company. Barclays Merchant Bank: Mr Brian Page has become an executive director of the bank. He was formerly a corporate manager at Barclays Gracechurch Street branch.

Esso UK: Mr Peter Hall, the managing director, will be elected president of Esso Norway on April I. Mr Hall will resign as a director of Esso UK, Esso Petroleum and Esso Exploration and Production UK, with effect from March 31. Mr Robert E Lintott will be appointed managing director of Esso UK and Esso Petroleum. Mr Lintott will have specific

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APPOINTMENTS

marketing with effect from

Mr Ian Upson will be elected to the board of Esso Petroleum as executive director (market, ing) effective April 1. Mr Upson returns to Britain after two and a-half years on assignment with Exxon New York.

Norwich Union: Mr. Peter Sharman, chief general manager of the Norwich Union insurance Group, will retire on June 30. He will continue to be a director of the principal companies in the group. Mr Jack Cambell, general manager of the Norwich Union Fire-Insurance Society, will also responsibility for logistics and retire on that day.

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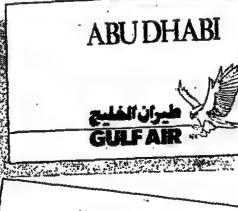
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When making petrol bombs can be in self-defence

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Leggatt Judgment delivered February 3]

person who manufactured or possessed petrol bombs for use cainst imminent apprehended attack might have a delence that he allack might have a defence that he had them for a "lawful object" when charged with an offence under section 4411 of the Explosive Substances Act 1883.

The Court of Appeal so held in

giving a teserved opinion on a reference by the Attorney General under section 36 of the Criminal Justice Act 1972 of the question whether the defence of self-defence is available to a defendent charged with offences under section 4.
The Lord Chief Justice, who

delivered the court's opinion, added "It will only be very rarely that circumstances will exist where the manufacture or possession of partol hombs can be for a lawful Their Lordships declined to rule

on an application by junior counselfor a certificate that a point of law of involved in the decision and for leave to appeal to the House of ords. Any such application was to by renewed if the Attorney General wished it to be pursued.

Section 4(1) provides "Any per ou who makes or ... has in his presention ... any explosive sub-cance, under such circumstances as to give rise to a reasonable suspicion that he is not making it or does not have it in his possession . for a harful object, thail, unless he can show that he made it or had it in his powession . . for a lawful object" (commit an offence with a senience of 14 years'

imprisonment), Mr Michael Hill, QC and Mr Micholas Purnell for the Attorney Ciencral: Mr Anthony Serivener, QC and Mr Daniel Scrota as animus evereise his right to present argument to the court.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the question referred Offences against the Person Act 1861 but Mr Hill conceded that he could not succeed with regard to confined to consideration of the

harge under section 4 of the 1883 Act.
The charge read that "(the respondent) on July 13, 1981 made a certain explosive substance, to wit, a petrol bomb in such circumstances as to give rise to a reasonable suspicion that he had not made it

for a lawful object". The respondent, a man of good character then aged 40, owned a shop in an area where on two nights during July 1481 there was extensive noting. Some 300 police officers had been engaged in trying order against a barrage of stones and

on July 12 to the morning of July 14 He was justifiably in fear that he and his property might be the subject of further attack. So much and protected by fire-resistant paint.
He had bought 22 fire extinguishers

Counsel's researches had

at a cost of some £260. On July 13 he equipped himself with three containers of sulpheric acid the subject of the count under the 18:1 Act) intending if necessary to spray any attacker therewith. On the same day he made 10 petrol bombs and placed them on the upstairs landing of the shop. Those bonibs were conceded to be explosive substances

In the event the expected attack never materialised when questioned by the police some five months later the respondent gave a full account of his actions, which he confirmed in cylidence before the crown court. His intentions were to use them purely to protect his premises should any noters come to his shop.

There was yen built if any disnute between the parties as to the facts of the case. On the first day of the trai prosecuting counsel submitted that self-defines was not available as a detence to any count in the murciment

The judge ruled against that submission. The basis of his diction was that it bad to be upon to a detendant to say "my lawful ublest is self-defence

Mr Hill conceded that the judge summed up the case to the jury in a clear and concise way. Their Lordships would like to echo that concession and to add that the direction to the jury was a model of simplicity, clarity and brevity. The judge dealt correctly with the ingredients of each of the counts and gave to the jury an accurate and illustrated direction as to self-

Mr Hill submitted that the judge erred in ruling that the respondent was entitled to rely on self-defence. He contended that self-defence did exist as a justification for preliminary and premeditated acts anticipatory of an act of violence by a defendant in the absence of any express statutory provision therefor.

It was common ground that, by virtue of sections 3, 4 and 39 of the ture and storage of explosives were prohibited except under licence.

Mr Hill submitted that, to allow a

man to justify in advance his own act of violence for which he had prepared ran wholly contrary to the principle and thinking behind legitimate self-defence and legitimate defence of property. Both were defences which the law,

allowed to actual violence by a defendant and both were based on the principle that a man might be justified in extremis in taking spontaneous steps to defend himself others of his family and his property against actual or mis-takenly perceived violent attack.

that, the argument ran, in those circumstances a man should protect himself by calling on the police or by barricading his premises or by so, he had had his shop boarded up guarding them alone or with others.

Counsel's researches had turned up only one case directly in point: R
v Feran ([1972] NI 80). There the
defendant was a Roman Catholic
man married to a Protestant. On that account he had been subjected to threats and beatings. He had moved to a different area without avail and had thereupon equipped himself with a revolver and ammunition. He described how he bought the gun for his own protection and, if need be, for the protection of his house and family. He was charged and convicted under section 4 of the 1883 Act.

The Northern Ireland Court of Criminal Appeal held that it was open to the jury to conclude "that the appellant genuinely and reasonably feared for the life and safety of himself or his family and held the pistol for use if necessary as a protection against this danger. The appeal was therefore allowed.

Mr Hill did not seek to

distinguish that case on the facts. and rightly so. He nevertheless and rightly 30. In revenue as abmitted that possession of a firearm for purposes of self-defence was incompatible with possession for a lawful object. He pointed to the classic exposition of self-defence in Palmer v five Queen [1971] AC \$14, 831-832) and argued that what lay behind the concept was spontaneous reaction, by contrast with anticipatory acts such as had exercised the courts in the context of section 1(1) of the Prevention of Crime Act 1953, which provided that "Any person who without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, the proof whereof shall lie on him, has with him in any public place any offensive weapon" was

guilty of an offence.
In that context Evans v Wright 1119641 Crim L R 466), Grieve v Macleed ([1967] JC 32) and Evans v Highes ([1972] 1 WLR 1452) were relevant. Mr Hill contended that it was deemed necessary in the 1953 Act to provide a reasonable

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Reference (No 2 of 1983) law. In aid of that agrument he also invoked R r Courns [[1982] QB 526). According to Mr Hill such cases showed how the courts had had to grapple with the extent to which particular statutory answers were to be allowed to provide cacuses for preparation to meet anticipated or feared violence.

In his submission the concept of "lawful object" could not avail the respondent in the present case because he could not show his

because he could not show his object to have been wholly and reclusively lawful.

In their Lordships' judgment, approaching a peter the words "lawful object", it might well seem open to a defendant to say "My lawful object is self-defence". The respondent said that his intentions were to use the petrol bombs murely respondent said that his intentions were to use the petrol bombs purely to protect his premises should any rioters come to his shop. It was accordingly open to the jury to find that he had made them for the reasonable protection of himself and his momenty against that dancer. and his property against that danger.

The fact that in manufacturing and storing the petrol bombs he committed offences under the 1875 Act did not necessarily involve that when he made them his object in doing so was not lawful. The means by which he sought to fulfil that object were unlawful, but the fact that he could never without committing offences reach the point where he used them in self-defence did not render his object in making them for that purpose unlawful.

The object or purpose or end for which the petrol bombs were made was not itself rendered unlawful by the fact that it could not be fulfilled except by unlawful means. The fact that the commission of other offences was unavoidable did not result in any of them becoming one of the respondent's objects.

Their Lordships respectfully agreed with the conclusion in R v Fran that possession of a firearm for the purpose of protecting the possessor from acts of violence may be constant for a langer of the purpose of the second be possession for a lawful object Whether it was so or not had to be determined in any given case by the jury in the light of directions such as the trial judge here had given.

In the judge's summing up the threatened danger was assumed, as was the respondent's anticipation of it. Also assumed, no doubt on the hasis of the evidence led, was the imminence of the danger. What the judge on the facts of the case left to jury was the reasonableness of means adopted for the repulsion of raiders. He did that in comprehensive and in well-illus-

trated terms.

In their Lordships' judgment a defendant was not left in the paradoxical position of being able to justify acts carried out in self-de-fence but not acts immediately preparatory to it. There was no warrant for the submission on behalf of the Attorney General that acts of self-defence would only avail a defendant when they had been done spontaneously. There was no question of a person in danger of attack "working his own immunity" for violent future acts of his. He was not confined for his remedy calling in the police or boarding up

He might still arm himself for his own protection, if the exigency arose, although in doing so he might That he might be guilty of other nilences would avoid the risk of anarchy contemplated by the

Although a nerson mucht "make" a petrol bomb with a lawful object, nevertheless if he remained in possession of it after the threat had passed which made his object lawful, it might cease to be so. It would only be very rarely that circumstances would exist where the

manufacture or possession of petrol bombs could be for a "lawful Object".

The point of law referred by the

Attorney General was answered by Attorney General was answered by saying "The defence of lawful object is available to a defendant against whom a charge under section 4 of the 1883 Act has been preferred, if he can satisfy the jury on balance of probabilities that his object was to nectors himself or his object was to protect himself or his family or his property against imminent apprehended attack and to do so by means which he believed were no meet the force used by attackers."

Solicitors: Director of Public Prosecutions; Treasury Solicitor.

Blood test order made without power

In proceedings for divorce in which no issue was raised by either the politioner or the respondent as to the paternity of children who were accepted as children of the family, a court had no jurisdiction under the provisions of the Family Law Reform Act 1969 to order that blood tests be carried out on the blood lests be carried out on the

children.
Lord Justice Ackner, sitting with
Lord Justice Purchas in the Court of
Appeal, so held on February 6 in
allowing an appeal by a wife
petitioner from an order of Judge
Toyn, sitting as a deputy High Court Shops were damaged and looted.

It was argued that if a plea of selfon the night of July 11-12. 2600

defence was allowed to section 4 of
the 1883 Act the effect would be that

district registrar ordering that blood tests be carried out on the wife, the husband, the party cited and the two

LORD JUSTICE ACKNER said that the wife petitioned for divorce alleging unreasonable behaviour. Her husband denied that and alleged acts of adultery committed by his wife over a long period with the party cited. There was no issue raised as to the paternity of the two children. The wife admitted adulters. raised as to the paternity of the two children. The wife admitted adultery.

Relying on what was said by Lord that they might have of bastardizing the husband contempted that they might have of bastardizing the husband contempted that they might have of bastardizing the husband contempted that the orders musked.

the husband contended that the the orders quashed.

court, because of its obligation to be satisfied that proper arrangements were made for the care and upbringing of the children, did have jurisdiction to order blood tests. But it was common ground that these children were children of the family. Even if there was jurisdiction to

make such an order, the judge would have been at fault in exercising it. The children were nearly cleven and nearly eight years

Tenants should tell landlords about necessary repairs

McGreal v Wake

Befere Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice [Judgment delivered February 3]

It was important that tenants of houses let on short leases should house let on short leases should know that they must help them-selves by complaining to their landlords of breaches of the statutory repairing obligations under the Housing Act 1961.

The Musics of the Rolls so stated in giving the reserved judgment of the Court of Appeal allowing an appeal by a tenant. Mrs Kathleen Teresa McGreal of Langdale Road. Darlington, from Judge Gill's drsmissal in the Darlington County Court of her claim against her landlord, Mr William Hylion Wake. Mr Brian Sommerville for the tenant Mr John Cockeroft for the

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the appeal could be of considerable interest to tenants of houses let on short leases. The golden rule was "Tell your landlord about the defects"
If the landford had no responsi-

hility, no harm would be done, If he could be responsible, that responsibility might only arise when the landlord was told. That was the

The tenant had a short lease of the house which came to suiter from riving damp, wet rot, decayed brick work, and cracked and sugging

The leave contained no express repairing covenant by the landlord and the lenant was unaware of the

Battered wife is granted ouster order

Anderson v Anderson

The refusal of a judge to grant a wife having a two-year-old child, being eight months' pregnant and living in a hostel for battered wives. an order to exclude her hasband from the matrimonial home, was in the circumstances, wrong in law, the Court of Appeal held on February 7. The wife's appeal from a county court assistant registrar's order that she and her husband should live

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS. sitting with Lord Justice Ackner, said that having found that the wife was at some risk of violence from her husband and concluding that to be at an end, the assistant registrar failed to consider the substantial impact on the arrangement that he proposed of the wife bringing the new baby into the home - a two-bedroomed flat. That was a critical omission.

The order should be varied

withdrawing from the husband his right to occupy the home under the Matrimonial Homes Act 1983.

limited implied covenant under section 32 of the Housing Act 1961 which required the landlord to keep in repair the structure and exterior lations efor the supply of water, gas, electricity, sanitation and heating) having regard to the house's age character and prospective life.

The court thought that it was unfortunate that the House of Lords felt impelled in O'Brien's Robinson (11473] AC 9121 to hold that liability under that covenant only arose when the landlord learned. perhaps was put on inquiry that there was a need for such repairs, for such a construction penalised the conscientious landlord and rewarded the absenter So it was very important that tenants should know that they must help themselves by

complaining to their landlords.
What had triggered the landlord's liability in the instant case was a complaint by the femant to the council which led to the service on the landlord's agent of a "notice" the landlord's agent of a "notice requiring the execution of works" under section 9 (1 A) of the Housing

45 the landlord did nothing the council resolved to do the work themselves. To facilitate the work the tenant took a temporary tenancy of other premises and moved her familiare and carpels into store. Herlargest item of expenditure was for endecorating.

The council had excluded all decorative work from their statutory notice and from the work which the did.

The judge had held that the

Way to appeal assessments of rent panels

Ellis & Sons Fourth Amalgamated Properties Ltd v South-

ern Rent Assessment Panel Parties seeking to challenge the decisions of rent assessment commutess should proceed by way of judicial review even though they might be entitled to appeal on a point of law under any enactment, Mr Justice Mann held in the Queen's Bench Division on Febmary 8 when dismissing the appeal of the landlords against the decision of the Southern Rent Assessment Panel in upholding the fixing of a fair rent by the rent officer.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the appellants were entitled to appeal to the High Court under the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1971 by way of Order 55 of the Rules of the Supreme Court but an appeal by way of judicial review had three dvantages.
It enabled the rent assessment

committee to be represented and avoided the delay in the appointment of an anticus; it meant that costs could follow the event, and it permitted the possibility of an appeal of the landlord's appeal was successful.

received the notice in November 1979, that the delay of a few months was negligible and that the landlord expenses including redecoration.

The judge had not had the advantage of the Court of Appeal's Judements in Calabar Properties Ltd. Statcher ([1983] 3 All ER 759) which had, inter alia, examined and explained Green v Eales ((1841) 108 215).

The council had completed its work by the end of June 1980, but there was elegating up.
In the court's judgment the tenant

had a valid claim for having to live in an unrepaired house months after it should have been repaired. The landlord's obligation to effect repairs must carry with it an obligation to make good any consequential damage to

decorations.

Plainly the tenant could not recover unless she could show that her expenditure flowed from the landlord's breach of covenant. The court accepted Lord Justice lecision in Sauce e Bileon (11878) 7

Ch D \$15). The tenant's case was that the mage but thought that he was precluded by authority from holding that the landlord was under any bability the appeal should be allowed the judge's order set aside and the lase be remitted to him to assess damages in the light of the mort's undersent. Selicitors: David Baum & Jan

Boddy, Darlington, Milney Curry & Gaskell for Green Williamson & Way Wakefield.

Teachers must not tackle pupils at rugby

Affutu-Nartoy v Clarke and

Another It was wrong and a breach of duty of care for a school teacher taking pun in a game of rugby football with 15-year-old schoolboys to have any physical contact with the boys. Mr Justice Hodgson, sitting in the Queen's Bench Division on February 8, so held, giving judgment for the plaintiff, Robert Abednigo Affutu-Nartoy who was injured in a rugby game at Eitham Green School by a tackle from his teacher. Mr

HIS LORDSHIP said that a teacher could still take part in a game to keep the game and the ball moving and to demonstrate the

skills of the game.

There was no doubt that what was perpetrated on the plaintiff in the present case was a high tackle which, while permitted by the rules of the game, was unlawful and dangerous. Accordingly the teacher, who was a wholly admirable teacher, and his employers, the London Education Athority. were liable to the plaintiff

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England visit to Brazil may be relegated to 'friendly' status

England learnt vesterday that their proposed tour to South played for Brazil and is now America in the summer had their FA president commented: sunk into bitter confusion. Brazil, who had invited five FIFA have banned our tournanations to take part in a ment. We respect their argutournament from June 9 to 20. ments but we certainly do not have seemingly decided to accept them. We could go ahead cancel their seventieth anniversary celebrations after receiving matches. a message from FIFA, whose president, Joao Havelange, is

Havelange's message was prompted by a telephone call from the Dutch Football Association last week pointing out that the Brazilians could stage the tournament only if they received permission from FIFA's executive committee, matches to Europe. That is that this had been neither sought nor granted and that the next committee meeting was not until May 19, only three weeks before the event

Joseph Blatter, FIFA's gen-eral secretary, confirmed yesterday that the lone problem concerned "television inter-ference during the European still on and that the arrange-Championships, which are tak-ments which were finalized last ing place at the same time. That is why the committee would probably not have given permission even if they had been asked. We suggested that they hold the tournament later to avoid the clash

Although FIFA remained silent after England announced their official acceptance a month ago, an FA spokesman said: "We assumed that all the arrangements relating to FIFA. clearance had been handled by

But for the Dutch connexion. lines of communication might have remained closed for even Brazilians might have been

Ratepayers

to the rescue

ground, are prepared to buy the offices, gym, board-room, changing

rooms and stand, and lease back at a nominal rate. The exact price still

£250,000 from the deal - enough to

keep going.

Barney Campbell, a director, said:

"We have sold the only piece of collateral we have, but it is a

lifeline." Most of the money mised

by the deal will be used to pay off

club's £170.000 overdraft, but what is left will only ensure another

dent, ebullient, George Reilly is the tall.

quietly spoken one. The differences

between them while playing a major

Watford approaching mid-table respectability after a troubled start.

at Wolverhampton, they shared five

goals. It might have been more. Reilly

hit the woodwork and Johnston had two

Despite such instant success, the pair

deny that their partnership fell into

place automatically. After a recent hard

they were staying on after a lunch of

their understanding on the pitch. Clearly, as they insist, it owes more to

hard work than telepathy.

That they are the only two Scots at

Watford has clearly helped to draw them together. We take a lot of stick,

particularly about Scottish goalkeep-

ing," said Johnston, whose efforts in

training that morning had occasioned

had announced disgustedly. "They're

Partick Thistle in November, Johnston

has understandably commanded the

greater attention. Last year, his second

valuation. Watford had aiready been

alerted to Johnston's ability and as the

all the same."

ome ribbing. "Jocks!" John Barnes

Since his arrival for £200,000 from

In only their second match together,

elieved Preston will receive

Guilite Coutinho, who once "We are terribly sorry that with a senes of friendly

Blatter denied that FIFA were to blame. "The Brazilian FA never officially approached FIFA for permission to stage it. If they had, we would not have sanctioned it because June was already reserved for the European championship finals and during that time they wanted to send television pictures of the contrary to FIFA's article 36."
England, included on the guest list with The Netherlands.

Argentina, Uruguay and Mexico, were awaiting confirmation of the cancellation last night. An FA spokesman said: "Until we hear anything official we must assume that the tournament is ments which were finalized last month still stand."

Peter Pullein, a Brazilian FA representative based in London. confirmed that England could still go to South America and play at least two friendly internationals. He said Coutinho had told him that "that was the original plan before somebody hit on the idea of a tournament".

England, who failed to reach the last eight in the European championship, could be left idle during the summer, Apart from during which The Netherlands only fixtures before they open sought advice on whether or not their attempt to qualify for the to go to South America, the next World Cup finals, against Turkey at Wembley on October 17, are in France at the end of longer and the reaction of the this month and at home to the Soviet Union at the beginning

Buckley's warning

Alan Buckley, the Walsall manager, remembered one of Bob Paisley's favourite expressions as Presion North End have been saved by the fown's ratepayers. Less than a week after announcing that his players celebrated their shock 2-2 draw on Tuesday in the Milk Cup the club could not survive without a huge cash injection, the directors have accepted an offer by the town council to buy the club's last remaining asset. But the long term future of one of the Football League's most historic clubs is still in doubt. semi-final first leg at Antield, "It's only half-time," said Buckley, only half-time." said Buckley.
"Plenty of teams have come here
and gone away with a good result,
but Liverpool have beaten them in
the end," he added.
Once he had sound Once he had sounded that note of Preston Council, who own the

caution. Buckley made no attempt to disguise his delight at a performance which leaves the Third Division leaders 90 minutes from

Tuesday ended in draws, and so did the only game in Scotland. Manchester United (2-2) and West Queens Park Rangers respectively. Bury and Tranmere ended goalless. while in the Scottish second division Albion Rovers earned a 1-1



FOOTBALL: SOUTH AMERICAN ANNIVERSARY TOURNAMENT BANNED BY FIFA

Hunter: not bitter about Barnsley

Hunter replaced by caretaker Collins

Barnsley have appointed their youth team coach, Bobby Collins, as caretaker-manager to succeed Norman Hunter, released from his contract yesterday. Collins, also a former Leeds player, says he intends to make the job his own. The former Scottish international

inside-forward said: "I feel bad about Norman because he had great then the team struggled a bit, and he is out of a job. "Norman was the man who brought me to Oakwell and be is a

great chap. I thought he was going to be the best. "I am under no illusions. Barnsley are not in a drastic position and the important thing is happen. As a manager the only certainty is that if you are not successful you will be sacked. "I have enjoyed my time at Barnsley and I am not bitter. I am a little bit surprised the sack came as carly as it did, but there is nothing ! can do about that

I leave the club in a healthy state and I am pleased that Bobby has been appointed caretaker-manager. I am going away for a short boliday and then if anyone offers me another job i shall take it."

Hunter signed as a player for Barusley in June 1979 and took over ss manager in September 1980, when his former Leeds colleague, Allan Clarke, moved to Leeds. The team won promotion to the second division in 1981 but bave won only to get them winning again."

One of their last 10 parties.

Hunter said: "I am disappointed but it is something you know can sunk to about 7,000.

Results from Tuesday

United 1, THING DIVISION: Shelfield United 0, Lincoln 0, FOURTH DIVISION: Bury 0, Thanmere Rovers

SCOTTISH LEAGUE, Second divisions Scottish CUP; Third round; Postponed; SCOTTISH CUP; Third round; Postponed; Aberdsen v, Klimarhoot, Archieonlans v St Johnstone, its be played tonight; Chydebask v Brechin (to be played tonight). WELSH CUP; Fafti round; Cardiff City 1, Hereford, United 3; Newport County 0, Wranham!

The duo shooting Watford back to the top

Hashings v Fisher Athletic.
ATHENIAN LEGUE: Banstead 1. Chertsey 0;
Rechtle 2, Fleet Town 0. Horley 0, Camberley
0; Kingsbury 2, Edgware 0; Markew 1, Chaffort
St Peter 2;
Herefield United 1, Berkhernsted Town 0; MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: Second round: Hayes 3. Southeld 2 (ast). MIDWEEK LEAGUE: Southerd 2, Northampton

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: First round, second log: Postponed: South PRESIDENTS PRESIDENTS NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE PRESAMENTS OF CUR! First round, second log: Macclesfield 1, Hyde United 2 (Chyde win 3-2).
BEDFORDSHIRE PREMIER CUP: Semi-final: Berton Rowers 2, Sortold 1.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First divisions: Burnley 1, Mant Remarks 1: Lands 0, Bunderland 0:

Walsh on the mark as Forest close gap

By Dennis Shaw

Nottingham Forest5

superiority. reintroduction

relicated inc extent to which Autoin have lost their way in the league. There was roughly the kind of atmosphere which must have greeted the space walker when Albion lost their way even more by conceding an early goal. Sadly for Statham the break came down his side of the field though he could hardly be faulted for it. Fairclough was threatening down the Forest right when Regis, dropping out somewhat clumsily in defence, barged him down, Walsh, who has proved hunself already as a trusty

Statham on the left side of their

Even at this early stage there were ominous signs that Forest were sharper and more committed.

A record of only three league wins out of 13 led inevitably to the feeling out of 13 led inevitably to the feeting that Albion's attentions were focussed more on the forthcoming fifth round of the FA Cup. To their credit, however, character and calibre gradually began to emerge along with a degree of urgency and a thirst for an expelience.

off looking likely to win with goals to spare, were feeling faintly relieved to be still ahead.

Such an impression was arro-gantly dispelled with two stunning goals in seven minutes. A left-wing Forest corner left Walsh in possession at the near edge of the box and confronted by a packed goalmouth at the narrowest of angles. His low centre seemed mo more than a token effort yet McNaught, in attempting to cover it, deflected the ball past Barron.
Albion's defence was momentarily in a state of shock and Forest

were not in the mood to sympathise. Another left-wing cross, this time from Hodge, deceived defenders in the air and Bowyer met it firmly with his head at the far post for goal number three.

Yesterday's results

MIDWEEK LEAGUE CLIP: Peterborough United 2, Brentford 1, FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Queen's Park

Two Scots forging a formidable strike force at Vicarage Road

West Bromwich Albion.....0

Nottingham Forest's championship challenge gained further momentum last night at The Hawthorns where they earned a convincing victory to move into second place for the first time this season, three points behind Liverpool who have played the same number of games. Goals by Colin Walsh, Ian Bowver and an by Colin Waish, Ian Bowyer and an own goal by Ken McNaught put. Forest well in control with an hour played. Two more later goals by Birtles and Anderson merely illustrated Forest's overwhelming

defence added an extra dimension of interest to a fixture which had literally left their public cold. Empty spaces all around the ground reflected the extent to which Albion

marksman from the penalty spot, thumped an eleventh minute lead

thirst for an equalizer.

By half-time Forest, who had set

Wednesday in the semi-final.

down. The howling gale was one major

WEST BROMWICH ALBICH: P Barron, C Whitehead, D Statham, R Zondervan, K McNaught, M Forsyth, M Jol, G Thompson, C Ragis (spit & Macken), M Levis, A Montey, NOTTINGHAM FOREST: H Van Braukelert; V Angarson, K Swain, C Fairclough, P Hert, I Bowyer, F Thissen, I Walace, G Birdes, S Hodge, C Walsh, Sub: 8 Wigley (Botton).

POURTH DIVISION: Chester City 0; Swindon Town 3.
SCOTTISH CUP: Second round, second replay: Arterosth 1, Stifting Abion 2. Third round: Clydebunk 0, Bractim City 0; Cowderbeath 0, Dundes 2 Postponed; Airdris v 81 Johnstone (until Monday); Third round, second replay: Medicovebunk 1, 65 Mirran 2, SCOTTISH 66CONE DIVISIONE Duntermine 1, Montanes 1

RUGBY UNION

Two new caps and a pat on the old head for Slattery

By David Hands, Rughy Correspondent

Ireland will field a team containing six changes, including two-new caps, against England at Twickenham on February 18. There new cab at scenar pail and an old Harbison, who won his first cap head. Slattery, whose sixty-second cap it will be, in the back row.

It was inevitable that the Irish would make changes at the halfway stage of the season, after two defeats. It is curious that they have linkered so rudely with a pack which including two newcomers. won reasonable possession against Wales last Saturday.

The newcomers, McCoy at tighhead prop, and Duncah, the

flanker. are ejected after one opportunity to prove their worth. This seems harsh and offends an old principle of selection that if you are good enough for one cap you ought o be worth another. Slattery returns for Duncan after what now as an admonitory slap over the wrist after playing against France when

McCoy's place goes to Des Fitzgerald, a B international from Lansdowne, whose pleasure in his promotion will be tempered by the promotion will be tempered by the dropping of Morone, their centre capped against France and Wales. Fitzgerald takes his place in a front row reshaped partly by the enforced absence of the captain and hooker, Cieran Fitzgerald. The hooker suffered a deep cut on the forebead

early in the game wath Wales and the selectors deemed that the injury might open again even though they had received a medical report suggesting all would be well:

Harbison, who won his first cap

as a replacement five days ago, retains his place as booker and the captaincy remains with Diggar. Harbison will have a new strum half serving him in Dovle of Greystones, another B cap, who shoulders. aside the experienced McGrath after 16 caps. Age may have been a consideration since McGrath, at 32, is comparatively old for an international half back, though he played well against France in the

opening game of the season.
Irwin, the British Lion, joins
Moroney in the wilderness, their places in the centre going to Kiernan and Finn, who helped Ireland to their triple crown and championship of the past two years. The return of Kiernan, another 1983 Lion, was predictable; less so was that of Finn, who won his nine previous caps as a left wing. He is a talented ball player, however, who played at stand off half with London

BIEL AND: H P MacNedi (Oxford University and Blackrock College): T M Ringland (Ballymens). M Kiernari (Lansdowne), M Rinn (Cork Constitution), K D Crossan (Instonant): S C Campbell (Old Betweders), T Doyle (Greystonas): P A Orr (Old Wester), H T Harbison (Bactive Rangers), D Fizzgerald (Lansdowne), J B C Dracoli (Lansdowne), J B C Dracoli (Landon Irish), D G

marshy in places - the Durham backs might have shown their paces.

But their forwards could not provide the ammunition and in the second half, seven points down, playing into the wind and constantly

under pressure, their cause was

The only score of the first half

was a penalty by Lennox, one of three such attempts. Griffin was just

wide with a dropped goal and Loughborough pulled back the

deficit nine minutes into the second half when Llewellyn, who had missed with two cartier efforts into the wind, kicked a penalty.

The only try came from Burnbill, the Yorkshire centre, after Reid's

hanging kick had Clough in trouble as Castleton moved right from the

scrum. Reid screwed a drop goal over to put Loughborough two

scores away and vartually out of

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Toulouse. (AFP) - France have

recalled Daniel Dubsoca, prop. who has been out of the international limelight for four years, for the match against Wales at Cardiff on Echange 18

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Monaration have made only \$100.2 changes from the side which beat ireland 22-13 in a B international at Melrose recently for the match with

France at Albi, near Toulouse on February 19
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Durham up to their neck in the marsh By David Hands Given a drier ground -Given a drier ground - the weather of the last month had left Loughborough's ground distinctly

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Durham3 Durbara University, the holders of the Universities Athletic Union title for the last three seasons, went out of this season's competition at the quarter-final stage vesterday, beaten by Loughborough University by a try, a penalty goal and a dropped goal to a penalty. Loughborough, winners of the title 17 times, will meet Cardiff University next

Durham have played only once before at Loughborough. That was 13 years ago when Loughborough won by a point and went on to win the final. This time the decision was more clear-cut and somewhat predictable once Loughborough had turned round to play with the wind at their backs while only thre points

factor in the contest; the other was the form of the Loughborough forwards who came to dominate the ball. In Morrison and Castleton they had the outstanding lineout forwards and their scrum was solid enough for their back row to play an enthusiastic supporting game
Loughborough also did well to
overcome the loss in the first five

Operation for Jeavons Nick Jeavons, the England and computer firm because of the time

rest of the season. The plaster has been removed from his broken wrist for a second time but X-rays have revealed that the injury has still not healed. It is likely that the Moseley player will undergo an operation to pin the fractured bone.

Moseley's match against London Welsh on November 12 It is the same wrist he broke at the start of last season, when he recovered just in time to claim his England place in the international championship. Paul Simpson, the England and Bath forward, has lost his job with a

he spends at Rugby. Simpson, aged 25, said: The trouble is I was working for a small company. If it had been a big national concern they could have absorbed this sort of thing. ... He was in England's team against Scotland last week. . L. P. R. Williams, Wales's most

Williams, who appeared for his country 55 times (54 at full back and once as a flanker), recently dropped his libel action against the Daily Telegraph, who had alleged that he infringed his amateur status by accepting money for his auto-

Nottingham are not. extended By Peter Marson

Nottingham...

Swansea..... Nottingham were a cut above. Swansea in most departments in the semi-final of the UAU Champion ship at Stroud yesterday, and ag sustained, well rounded perform-ance enabled them to triumph in-el-style. So. Nottingham who passed to out at this stage last season, head for a Twickenham and the final sages. March 7 when they will meet the winners of the second semi-final

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Swansea gained high marks for their unflagging efforts and an engaging optimism which kept them going in spite of mounting disappointments until the whistle's last blast. Yet, once Nottingham had convinced themselves of their superiority there was simply not change of their letting the pame slip. Nottingham's victory was foun-ded on teamwork of a high order but

there were two players who stood out above the rest. The roles played by Nigel Friend, at stand off half and Nick George, on the right wing, made them undisputably the afternoon's heroes.

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LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY: S Red; I , McMillan, S Burnhill, P Cotes, G Scept, D, Liewellyn, C Walanns (rep. M Thornas); M Freer, T Rogerson, M Hayes, J Wells, D Egerton, J Morrison, A Waldron, N Castleton, Drill AM UNIVERSITY: F Clough: A Lernon, I Dec, C Freemen, C OS: H Grift, J Baster M Brown, M Priphrand, M Horricks-Taylor, J Keating, P Borgers, W Tas, D Keeting, N McBain, For a big man George showed himself to be surprisingly Rect of foot and, following a first rate try in the first half when, with a wiggle of his hips he rounded Driver and the full back Horner to crown a 40, metre run with a try in the right metre run with a try in the aging corner, he did much the same thing, but from shorter range, in the second half, in the meantime. Friend, who had landed two excellent penalty goals and gallandy played down a badly bruised thigh, carried on to convert George's second try and land his third penalty goal. penalty goal.

Scorers Nottingham Tries. George (2):

BOWLS

Bryant makes a flying start

By Gerdon Allan

David Bryant, who had won the

splendid match, lasting 25 ends and two-and-a-half hours, and the Sullivan, who belongs to the Swansca City Indoor club, dropped t four at the fifteenth end, which CYCLING

From John Wilcockson

paying customers for this inaugural event in the French capital's £46m sports palace. After some spirited racing on

Frank of Denmark, another specialist, was holding a narrow points lead with Bernard Vallet of France, but with 100 solid minutes of team racing to go the favourities remained the Italo-German pairing of Fran-cesco Moser and Dietrich Thurau. Throughout Tuesday night's four periods of team racing. Moser and Thurau showed greater speed and more factical awareness than all the other 17 teams. It was only with

evening.
Holding their own throughout were Torn Doyle and his novice six day pariner. Stephen Roche, who moved up to 11th place overall. Without Roche's disastrous debut. the Anglo-Irish team would have been challenging the leaders last night instead of chasing the minor

skilfully won the next four ends to draw level, and from then on nerve played its subtle part.
Bryant held a slight advantage on a full length and, with control of the jack, made the most of it as the

match moved to its close. Sullivan touched the jack across on the deciding end but made the position more difficult for himself. Bryant kept the shot, now partly hidden from view, and the Welshman was

TENNIS

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Oxford University 11. Royal

CRICKET PURE, India: International Women's Series: India 194 for 9, Australia 196 for 5 (49.2 overs). Australia won series 3-0.

HOCKEY

University 1.
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Jim Boyle, who won the Scottish championship on this green last November, beat John Jones, of Jersey. 21-9 and qualified to meet Jim Baker of Ireland in the quarterfinals tonight. .

Jones, a bank manager, was born in Surrey, lived in Sussex for 21 years, and moved to the Change Islands in 1977.

FIRST ROUND: J Boyle (Scot) 21, J John (Jersey) 9: D Bryant (Eng) 21, T Subsen (Wales) 17.

SQUASH RACKETS CUMBERLAND CUP. First division tables and CC 5. Herga SC 0; Currberland LTC1. Windsecon SC 2: Cooperate LTC 1, Westerland SC 4: Ealing SC 0, Lumbton SC 5; Grates SC 0.

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ICE HOCKEY

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TODAY'S FIXTURES FOOTBALL:

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SQUASH RACKETS



Johnston (right) and Reilly: classic partnership (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

scason as a professional, he scored 32 goals for the Scottish first division club, chase hotted up Graham Taylor asked and this season won a Scottish Under his own former manager. Jimmy McGuigan to have a look at the player. 21 cap. His goalscoring ability attracted the attention of Celtic, Everton and "Jimmy rang me on Sunday morning, several English second clubs. The move to Celtic, however, was put into abeyance when the club's manager, and I've never heard him rave about a player like that before. They had no Billy McNeill, joined Manchester City, while Everton failed to meet Partick's midweek games but we were playing on 2 Friday night for TV - so TV does have

its good points - so I was able to watch

him on the Saturday, against Aridrie.

He scored the first and made the second, but what is often more

revealing. I was impressed by the things he tried which didn't come off. He gets his shots on goal, only one was off target. My wife liked him, too and I never argue with her".

was attributed to him saving he was a

better player than Charlie Nicholas.

On the day he wassigned, a quote

said", interposed Reilly", was that he was better looking than Charlie Unlike Nicholas, and other prolific

Scottish goalscorers, Johnston's ability has been reproduced immediately in England, He has found the net 12 times, although he is clearly much more than simply a goalscorer. "it's not down to me but to manager, the trainer, the whole team", Johnston says. "I'm fitter and sharper, thanks to the training, And our style, with four forwards, helps. At Partick we only played with two, so I was expected to go wide and cross, then get into the middle and get on the end of it. Playing with George is good because he takes the big centre

"I take his knocks for him," agrees Reilly, who had to take considerable criticism when he arrived from Cambridge to replace Ross Jenkins, a great Watford savourite, at the start of the

"Some of the criticism was justified because he was being compared with Jenkins." said the Watford manager, who had first spotted Reilly as a midfield player for Northampton Town. But we worked with Jenkins for a long time. George reminds me of Ross in 1977 when I first came to Watford. Ross then was the same age, 25, about the same height (6ft 3in), had the same long legs and looked ungainly." Already the signs are that Reilly has overcome his early problems and is beginning to fill Jenkins' position as the fans' favourite. "He has the intelligence, the understanding of how to lead the forward line, he listens and he works hard." Taylor said. "He has a better. touch than Jenkins had at 25, the ball doesn't bounce off him so often.

Taylor has no doubt, however about the contribution such players can make. i think of Torres and Eusebio", he said, recalling the partnership which helped make Benfica and Portugal such powers in the sixties. "The runs of Forres enabled us to enjoy the skill of Easebio. We had Ross Jenkins, and by the work he did leading the line in the classic centre-forward's way, he perhaps belped to bring out the more pleasing aspects of other players. If you like, he and George look ungainly for the benefit of the Barneses and Calleghans.

seems even more important in retrospect than it did at the time. It gave Bryant a 15-8 lead. Sulfivan

bavid Bryant, who had won the title three times, reached the quarter-final of the world indoor championship, sponsored by Embassy, when he beat Terry Sullivan, the Welsh champion, 21-17 at Coatbridge yesterday. It was a outcome was in question up to the

Yesteryear recalled

Tickets for the final period of the Paris six-day race were as scarce as gold dust on the Boulevard de Berey last night a happy state of affairs for the organizers who have had 50.000

Tuesday night, and in the early hours yesterday, the sports con-scious Parisiens have taken this modern six day race to their hearts as much as they did the one in the old days. Rene Pijnen, of the Netherlands, one of the biggest stars, is also convinced of the race's viability.

desperate chase in the final I(minutes that Frank And Vallet regained the lap which their rivals had stolen with ease earlier in the

r players. If you pickings of a £100,000 prize list. Landers 1. B Value (Fr) and 6 Frank (Den) 253 points; 2. £ Monor (B) and D Thursu (WG) 223. \$ fet one lap) 5 Tourns and E Devide (Bo) 235; 4. P Cent (Fr) and B Pipen (Nem) 71. \$ (at three laps) M Bidrout (B) and B Gleigher (Sautz) 90. Other Placings (at 14 laps) 11. \$ Roche (Ins) and A Dovie (GB) 55 points.

FOR THE RECORD

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JOHANNESBURG: South African Opent
leading scores (South African unless stated):
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9 van Zyt. 69; Falam, H Basocck, H Heerzing,
N Price: 70: A Herving, B Byman (US), D Frost,
T Britz, B Butmer (US), D Souddards, G
Pearson; 71: I Mosey (GB), P Valay (GB), J
Gonzalez (Br), F Weasets; 72: G Player, D
Balveman (GB), M McLean (GB), M Blately
(US), S Hoodey, W Westner, P van der Riet, J
Godon (GB), E Evans (GB), P Sammons, Other
British scores; 73. A Oldcorn, D Feherty; 74. C
Moody, B Sharrock; 75. Gordon Brand pr, N
Burch; 76: W Humphreys, S Bennett, M
Thomas, 77: H Brown, T O'Nbon, B Evans; 78:
M Allen, N Job, 79: R Railerty, I Young, 80: C
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TENNIS GOLF. CRESTA RUN ST MORITZ: Aris Varianteelle Chellege Ce (Handicap): Finel placings on 3 top ourses 1 H Hess (Switz): Handicap 2.30, ref 164.58; 24 Cohen (Welfi): 4.23, 165.51; 3.-14 Media: (Switz): scratched, 155.99; 4, C Tesdard (Media: 10, 166.15; 5 W Shoton (GB), 17, 185.85; A Freeland (GB), 180, 167.45.

MEMPHS: US National indoor champlonship, first round (US unless stands): Tim Gutilison of E Konta, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; M Bauer bit Knckstein, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; P Remend of J Brown, 6-1, 6-2; B Teacher bit H Pilster, 6-2, 6-0; Tom Gutilison bit E Konta, 3-6, 6-4, 7-8, 6-4, F Buehnang bit T Moor, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2, W Flask bit C Dowdesveeling (SR), 6-1, 6-4; V Armitrál (India) bit S Denton, (4-6, 8-4, 6-3, V Armitrál (India) bit S Denton, (4-6, 8-4, 6-3, V Armitrál (India) bit S Denton, (4-6, 8-4, 6-3, V Armitrál (India) bit S Denton, (4-6, 8-4, 6-3, 5-2, 6-2; H Gunthardt (Swatzi bit Bauer, 4-6, 6-7, 8-3; T Mayotte bit Tarner, 6-3, 6-2; B Gontraed bit Teacher, 7-5, 4-5, 6-4; H Notico (Nogl. 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; T Mayotte bit Tarner, 6-3, 6-2; B Gontraed bit Teacher, 7-5, 4-5, 6-4; H Nors bit L Plinek (Cz), 6-7, 2-6, 6-2; F Buethvang bit S Devs, 6-1, 6-3, ChicAGO: Virginia Sima bournament (US states) First round: T Austin bit Y Vermask (SA), 6-4, 7-5, A Temasvari (Num) bit B Harr, 6-4, 6-4; K Sands bit A Winde, 6-3, 6-4; M Mesker (Neth) bit M Jausonec (Yug), 7-6, 2-6, 6-2 M Tornes bit S Mascarin, 8-3, 6-3; L Bonder bit C Jaxell (Swel; 6-3, 6-1; T Phelps bit M Callela (Fr), 4-6, 6-2, 7-5 SOUASH RACKETS
Londonderry Cup: Quarter-final Burney
Castle bt Ouncle 4-1

BOXING

CLIZE MATCH: Oxford University 11. Royal Nery 13.
REFRESENTATIVE MATCHES: United Barks 4. Surray 28: Middlesex County Clubs 13. English Colleges 3.
LIAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-final: Loughborough 10. Durham 3. Semi-final: Swinses 6. Notingham 19. SCHOOLS: Beverley 6. Bishop Wand 18: London Octobry 12. Gushnersbury 4: North Leadington 0. Queen Mary's, Walsalf 18: Old Swinford Hosp 3, King Edward's, Lichtleid 18; Wirtel QS 18, Rydal 6.

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Grittar enhances Aintree chance with bold show of jumping

forefront of the Grand National picture with a superb display of fencing in the Whitbread Trial Handican at Ascot yesterday. After continually outjumping his rivals, the 1982 Aintree winner was outpaced by Tracys Special and Canny Danny in the straight. John Francome was delighted with the performance. "Grittar ran a marvelious race. He's still as fat as a pig. He's bound to show further improvement and the National is still a long way off."

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The champion jockey missed riding Grittar into fifth place behind Corbiere last year due to a broken collar bone but it now seems likely that Francome will partner Grittar on March 31. Grittar is now either 16-1 or 20-1 with leading book-

Frank Gilman, Grittar's ownerbreeder and trainer, is enjoying his annual holiday in Tenerife but Steve Marshall, his head lad, said: "Grittar was not right last year and this is the best he's been for 12 months. Mr Gilman will be back to watch Grittar run at Nottingham in 10 days' time and he'll probably have another couple of races before

Aintree,"
Tracy's Special's neck victory
over Canny Danny gave Andy
Turnell the richest prize of the
former jockey's short career as a
trainer. Steve Knight made full use
of the winner's stamina by sending
the eight-year-old into the lead a mile from home. Canny Danny threw down a determined challenge over the last three fences but the favourite was always just being held. Both 'the winner and runner-up now have the Ritz Club National Hunt Handicap at Cheltenham as their principles farrest. Turnell has their principles farrest. Turnell has

their principal target. Turnell has done remarkably well with Tracy's Special since taking the gelding over from Richard Hannon in December. 1982. Four of his six victories in that period have been gained this season. The Mariborough trainer is now praying that the ground will dry up in time for the Schweppes Gold Trophy on Saturday. "Secret Ballot has won in the soft but he's got so much speed that the drier it is the Jimmy Fitzgerald.

GOING: Good to soft

Huntingdon

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2.0 WHITTLESEY CHASE (Handicap: £1.816: 3m 100yd) (11)

2.30 SIDNEY BANKS HURDLE (Novices: £5,400: 2m 4f) (15)

3.0 TOTE CHASE (Limited handicap: \$2,364: 2m 4f) (3)

BARRER REEF (D) (Mrs T Tate) T Tate 7-11-7
DORT TOUCH (R Stort) J Jerkins 10-10-12
BARRYSTELE (CD) (A Bend Lid) P O'Cornor 8-10-9
PLAGSTAFF (CD) (Mrs of Lugg) T Forster 12-10-8
LEANDER BLUE (Mrs M Rogers) D Michoson 7-10-6
HAYBALE (CD) (Exors of late G Goodward J Spearing AURCAND JACK (Mrs D Plurkser) P Armystage 10-10-0
RIDAN TOWER (Mrs A Davies) J Gifford 9-10-0
WENDYS WHIZZ KID (D Todd) D Todd 8-10-0
POOR EXCUSE (O Herdey) O Harrisy 9-10-0

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BROWNE'S GAZETTE (D Browne) M W Dickinson 6-11-4

CENTROLINE (A Bingley) C A Bell 6-11-4

MARUBERS (T Bosingson) T Rollingson) 7-11-4

MR PARSONS (A Thompson) D Nicholson 8-11-4

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SHOW HOUSE (CD) (Fillion & Theigher) Gifford 6-11-4

WORTH AVENUE (P Ormod) M Chapman 8-11-4

HOMEOLA (R Marn) Mars M Rimal 5-11-2

THE PAWN (Miss C Coyne) M Pyon 5-11-2

WOODLAND GENERATOR (Miss M Preact) P Prichard 5-11
BASTA (J Blog) R Hollinshead 5-10-11

HARVEST FORUTTIE (INT M O Nich) H Collegating 4-10-5

RIGON THE BEN (P Coby) Mrs K Coultman 4-16-5

JENNIE PAT (D) (J Thompson Lai) G Richards 4-10-0

M'S Gazetta, 6-2 Show House, 6 The Pawn, 10 Homanie, 12-1

8-11 Browns's Gazetta, 8-2 Short House, 6 The Pawn, 10 Homacia, 12 Regency Tam, 1 ubeni, Centroline, 16 Others.

b3211p-09-0010 HENRY KISSINGER (D) (J Mansworth) D Gendolfo 10-11-1 1-23213 GREENWOOD LAB (Nrs A Grantham) J Gifford 7-10-13

3.30 MAJOR CHARLES TOWNSEND HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: 2606:

O LONG STANTON HURDLE (Handicap: £1,338: 3m) (21)

Huntingdon selections By Michael Phillips

O Hydrangea, 2.0 Barrier Reef, 2.30 Browne's Gazette, 3:0 Greenwood

d. 3.30 Roadhead, 4.0 Palaestrina.

Cheltenham Festival entries

Fotor Cheffetham Gold Cdp 3m (2), and 4y, March 15): Ashley House 10, Innacura 9, Brogawi 10, Brown Cheimblidh Burrough Lad 9, Canny Danny 9, Captain In, 10, Drumlardian 10, Everett 9, Pitty Gars More 9, Forgew N'Forget 7, Footbury Galaber 8, Gabery 51225 8, Phay Dewn 9, serve 8, Prince Rowan 8, Royal Bond 11, st Latis 11, Sher Suck-12, The Mighty Mac Mayward Lad 9, 22 sorties.

18 11, Silver Buck-12, The Mighty Mac ard Led 9, 22 antries. ford - Crystal Champion Nordie (2m., March 131, Admira's Cup 6, Alastor is 5, Amarèch 6, Batista 8, Berrien 5, Deas 5, Boren Prince 7, Buckle 5, Jude 18, Centroline 6, Chrai 6: Cart a Dawn Run 6, Desert Orchid 5, Farr 7, Fine Sun 7, Fighleigh Gamble 9, For

Auction 8, Fredoctor 8, Gallarm Royat 6, Gáye Srief 7, Giorfoux James 4, Holemar Star 7, Janus 6, Migrator 8, Mitter H8 8, Mrs Playfair 6, Princh Hotter 6, Ray Nove 5, Robbin Worder 6, Royat Vulcan 6, Ruschinoor 6, Secret Ballot 10, Silver Sanson 6, Silvey Shot 6, Suda Bula 8, The Foodbroker 8, Very Promising 6, 38 entress. Gasen Mother Chastellet Chase (2m. Wednasday, March 14; Antificot 13, Bedsworth Boy 9, Brahms and Liezt 8, Drumpora 12, Pastress Imp 9, Fishletin 3, Iden Green 7, Karlies Lad 7, Kildiowan 8, Lible Bay 9, Poursettes 7, Poyntz Pass 9, Rathgorman 12, Royat Rabida 8, Selver Brackers 3, Stag H8 7, The Brockshee 9, The Elsie 8, The Alfority Mac 9, Walmat Wonder 8, Water Rock 9, 23 Embrés.

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late attack of Bally-Go on the flat, Nick Gaselee, the winning trainer, was thrilled to receive the Reynoldstown Trophy from Fulke Walwan for whom he formerly worked as an assistant. Duke Of Milan has claimed some notable scalps recently, having beaten A Kinsman at Cheltenham as well as Forgive N Forget yesterday, "He now goes straight for the Sun Alliance", Gaselee said. "As long as the ground's not too heavy, he is sure to run well", The trainer is undoubtedly right but Forgive N Forget will show better form when Forget will show better form when he encounters heavy ground, Despite his mistakes, the favourite was beaten under three lenghts.

The battle for supremacy in the The battle for supremacy in the jockeys' championship between Francome and John O'Neill continues to rage unabated. O'Neill cost his way into the lead after driving Cybrandian past the post a length in front of Francome's mount, Aces Wild, in the Sapling Novices' Chase, Aces Wild was in trouble racine out of Swinley trouble racing out of Swinley Bottom and his staming came into play too late.

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Following the early falls of Gaye Chance and Crimson Embers in the Fernbank Hurdle, a thrilling finish was fought out between Mayotte. Mossmorran and Goldspun, And it was only in the final strides that Paul Richards forced Mayotte's head in front. "Mayotte will have one more race in the Waterford-Crystal Stayers Hurdle at Cheltenham before she is retired to stud". Richard Holder, her trainer, said.

Desert Orchid, gave his usual bold display of front-running in the Datchet Novies" Hurdle, to record his fourth victory from five starts e's got so his fourth victory from five starts it is the this season. David Elsworth's five-year-old is now a possible runner in the Champion Hurdle



Brave Hussar (nearest camera) and Ten Bears jump the last together in the Sapling Novices' Chase at Ascot but Aces Wild (pale colours) is poised to overhaul them and challenge the winner, Cybrandian (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Browne's Gazette to pass test

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

Browne's Gazette, who has yet to be extended in three races over hurdles, faces his sternest examination at Huntingdon this afternoon.
The six-year-old has gained easy wins at Wetherby. Catterick and Kelso but has beaten little of merit. The weather ruled out what would have been an informative clash with Aonoch at Haydock last month but Browne's Gazette now takes on Centroline, a former high class Flat

Having cost only 4,000 Irish punts (£3,100) when he was sold as a three-year-old, Browne's Gazette will look an even greater bargain if he extends his unbeaten record to four by winning the Sidney Banks Memorial Novices Hurdle, He will be tackling two and a half for the first time but the longer distance should not bother him as there is an abundance of stamina in the bottom half of his pedigree. His dam is a

Ascot results

1.30 DATCHET HURIDLE (novices: £2977: 2m)

CYBRANDIANO g by Prince Regart -Levenham Rose (I. Bray) 6-11-3-J J O'Neil

Aces Wild. J Prancone (15-8) 2 Brave (4-1) 3 O'Ned (4-1) 3 Prancone (15-8) 2 Brave (hssair ... R Rowe (6-1) 3 TOTE: Wirt £2.50. Places: £1.40, £1.10, £1.30. Dr. £2.50. CSP: £4.68. M H Easterbyel Mellon. 1(, *1. Ten Bears (20-1) 4th. 8 ren.

TOTE. Win: £5.80. Ptaces: £1.80. £1.20, £1.90. DF: £11.00. CSF: £28.67 R Noider at Brissol. 1₂, 4l. Permabos (8-1) 4th. Geye Chance (2-1 fey)8 ran.

8.05 WHITBREAD TRIAL, CHASE Prenticap £10.687; 3m)

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1.45 MEENTON HURDLES (selling: has \$748: 2m)

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22-50. DF: £1-30. CSF: £3-12. N Henderson at Lambourn. Nki, 4L Weevers Way (50-1) 4th. 18
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2.30 FERNBANK HURDLE (E4395: 3m) MAYOTTE on m by Latie Busidne - Mi Scott (8 Daviset 9-11-13 P Richards (11-2) Mossmorres - 9 Bradenys Goldspun P Soudamore (20-1)

half-sister to Pandofell, the 1961 Ascot Gold Cup winner, Centroline was a top flight stayer on the flat when with Henry Candy and was an easy winner of the Jockey Club Cup at Newmarket in 1981. He was sold to a patron of Chris Bell's stable for 28,900 guineas by Tattersalls at Newmarket in December.

If he had a run under his belt. Kathies Lad would be hard to beat in the Tote Steeplechase but without one he may not be able to give weight to Greenwood Lad who ran weight to oreenwood Lad who tain
so well in the race won by Everett at
Chetenham at the end of last
month. Before that he was still in
with a chance of winning the
Embassy Premier Chase Final at
Ascal when he fell at the last Ascot, when he fell at the last.

Roadhead, a stable companion of Greenwood Lad, has always excelled at Huntingdon, and he can increase his number of course

GOING: good

victories to seven by winning the Major Charles Townsend Memoria Hunters Chase.

The Wincanton Challenge Cup looks at the mercy of Fifty Dollars More He ran Wayward Lad to a short head at Huntingdon in November as a preliate to giving The Tssrevich 191b and a length beating in the Kennedy Construction Gold Cup at Cheltenham in

next two races in style, Fifty Dollars More's poor performance in the King George VI Chase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day, when he was beaten 25 lengths, has become even harder to explain.

With John White, that very talented amateur rider, in the saddle. Cheeklo Ora will be hard to beat in the Dick Woodhouse Hunters Chase,

Wincanton

1.15 CORTON DENHAM CHASE (handlcap: conditional lockeys: £1,405 Sm 17) (17 runners)

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Wincanton selections By Michael Phillips
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on boards

YACHTING

By John Nicholls The Royal Yachting Association are to organize the Fish Work Youth Boardsailing Championship in Cowes from September 16-2; year. The event will be base Wrexham.

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The championships will be based at the National Sailing Centre which will be both the administrative centre and provide accommodation.

locations using different venues on the Isle of Wight chosen daily with regard to the prevailing wind-Boards will be provided and will be one of the International Yacht All IYRU affiliated national authorities will be invited to send a team of two board sailors, or three if

one is a girl, up to a maximum entry of 60.

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Board sailing already has crintinental and world championships in all recognized classes, a women's championship and a board sailing event in the Olympic Games, but shill now no world youth event. It was previously thought that board sailing was in any case a youth activity, but experience has shown, however, that youngsters generally are not capable of winning adult events.

Lymington prize promise

The Royal Lymington Yacht Club are introducing a new eliminator series for this year's Lymington Cup match racing championship, sponsored by Long Life (John Nicholls writes). The preliminary series will give an opportunity to young helmsmen to compete in match racing at the highest level. Their opportunity occurs in part because Phil Crebbin, winner of the championship in 1976 and 1977 and runner-up last year was invited to compete bu

declined.

He has suggested that his place should be reserved for a young British helmsman to gain valuable experience. Crebbin himself was

Four yours helmsmen will therefore he selected to take part to an eliminator match racing series on Saturday, March 24 in Contessa 34 yachts, loaned by their owners. This date, which does not clash with any pre-Of, imple events, will enable potential Olympic helmsmen to tato part. The club, if requested, will help in finding crew members.

Applications are invited from helmsmen under 25 at December 31, 1984 to be sent to the secretary, Royal 'Lymington Yacht Chib. as soon as possible with a brief sailing curriculum vites.



SQUASH RACKETS

Clarke too good for Ingledew

By Rex Bellamy

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The cheekily confusing introduction of a Fleet Air Arm pilot at first string did the Royal Navy no good when they played the Royal Air Force in the first match of the Inter-Services squash rackets champion-ship at Leo-on-Solent yesterday. The RAF, who included two newcomets from their under-25 team, won 3-2. The mysterious Navy No 1 was Norman lagledew, a former runner-up for the British junior champion-ship, lagledew has British parents but halls from Johannesburg and Zimbabye. He is a player of impressive class with a flamboyam penchant for the backband reverse angle, and at 25 he should be at his peak, but ingledew has had little time for squash in geometric the beautiful attenty because of training at Dartmouth. Testerday he was beaten 10-8, 9-6, 9-6, 9-6 by Dave Claske.

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After the first panie it became intreasingly evident that Inglodes lacked the fitness and recent match play to withstand the competitive play to withstant the compenitive stress Clarke imposed on him. Clarke made profitable use of the drop shot on both flanks and varied his pace and length with such a tidy discretion that Ingleden, seas store, drained of energy and confidence.

Robin Bawtree, who won the first of his 15 Navy champioaships as long ago as 1962, is now qualified for the over 40 event. He emerged from the squash wilderness of Portugal for this special anniversary and played at fourth string, but was beaten 9-7, 9-7, 9-3 by Mick Leonard, aged 20, who wom the Combined Services under 25 championship last November. Leonard's reminder of the generation gap gave the RAF an impregnable 3-1 lead. Today the RAF will play the Army, champions for nine consecutive years, whose first three strings, have accumulated a total of 176 international caps, mostly for Scotland. The tournament will end tomorrow, when the Army play the Navy. With weater and the play the Navy. With weater and the play the Navy. With weater and the large play the Navy. With the carmy play the Navy. Scotland. The tournament will end tomorrow, when the Army play the Navy. With yesterday's abarpening experience behind him, Ingledew may have some interesting questions to ask Robbie Robinson, who has not been beaten in Services competition since 1980 but is now based in Germany.

RESULTS in string coder, RAF manes that D Gatte by N ingeliaw, 18-4. 3-4. 8-6. L. John but to A Johnstone, 3-2. 6-2. 2-3. N Gifts lost to C Hagging, 2-10. 2-3. 2-4. N Gifts lost to C Hagging, 2-10. 3-4. 2-5. N Leonard by Results.

World youth Satellite tournament to look for brings Britons champions back down to earth

Of the 10 Brinish players included in the draw of 32 for the LTA satellite tournament at Leiford only learny Banes has this saged to reach the quarter-finals, vesterday he bear Offic Rahusto, of Finland, 6.2.7.5.

Sates, who compeled so disage pointingly in edging past Nick Brown in the first round, was far from the bear against Rephasto, his atrongest suits, went down to be shown in the first round, was far from the bear against Rephasto, his atrongest suits, went down to play was often negative; but he nonetheless descrived credit for composine is without doubt one of his hetter days.

With his shiny racquet and extravegant strokes, Nick Fulwood started out with a noticeable limp, but became faster and faster as the manch progressed.

Rahaasto's couch explained that his player, had some on court. Derbyshire player and he picked ho

Rahasso's coach explained that his player had anne on count, secreted not just about a strained right foot but also about a sponsorship ded which he had learned late on Theodry evening, was going to yield far less money than had been annicepated.

It was only after he had lost the inst game of the second set that the Finn succeeded in setting is aroubles aside. He led 5.3, but promptly invited Bates back into the set by coming up with a couple of double faults.

Bates won his service to love

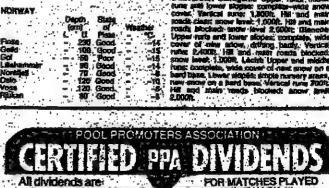
SNOW REPORTS

Youngsters can

Bates won his service to love before surviving a long and difficult as was the case last year, the game to get 6.5. He then had him him Tennis Association are trouble in tying up the manch, but staging two challenger events in there were those who made the point that his life on court would be much easier if only he could gay more like a man expecting to win.

Stephen Shaw, though he never stopped trying against Garth Hayes, a purse of \$10,000, will be staged at a player who is lying alongside him. Locom-Solent from the fourteenth at 445 on the computer, is another

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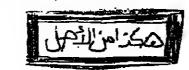
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WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES: STEINER BEATS WEIRATHER TO PLACE IN AUSTRIAN TEAM

World's No 1 downhiller is out after having his 'down' at the wrong time

Torvill Christopher Dean). again brought

trians. Their strength is such that for the second time in succession they have had to drop the world champion. In Lake Placid it was Josef Walcher, recently killed in a skiing accident, who had to give way to Leonhard Stock, The choice proved inspired for Stock took the gold medal back to Austria.

Now Harti Weirather has had to give way to Anton Steiner. The fourth place in the team was left open until yesterday's final training run, which therefore developed into a match between the two.

Steiner went first of the two and surpassed Urs Raeber's standard time of 1 min 50.64 seconds by a second and threequarters, as he might expect to do, since Raeber would not have been going flat out. Weirather ran eighth and could never get to grips with Steiner. He was a tenth of a second slower at the first intermediate point, two thirds of a second slower at the second, and a full second

The men's scoreboard shrugged his shoul- stances is much wider; for the downhill, per-haps the blue vie." Later quice l'accept la vic." Later, quite a linguist, he

riband of the added in fluent English: "We all Winter Olym- have our ups and downs and pics (with re- I'm having my down at the spect to Jayne wrong time." The situation gains added piquancy from the fact that the two skiers room together in the Olympic village. Steiner naturally has mixed

feelings. "Obviously, I'm hap-py." he said, "but it shouldn't be necessary to keep Harti out." He was reflecting the view of many in the ski world who see a serious injustice in the fact that the strong nations can enter only four racers, along with the likes of Britain and France. It hardly needs to be added

that the Austrians have a formidable team, with Franz Klammer, Olympic champion in 1976. Helmut hoeflehner and Erwin Resch, winners this year at Cortina (last week) and Schladming respectively, to accompany Steiner. No other country can match that as-

and much the same thing could happen on the course at Mount Bielasnica. It is short, meeting International Ski Federation rules on vertical drop only by way of a track built to the top of the restaurant at the summit. It is also technically undernand-

This, indeed is the hardest race of all for some to win. the

medal-order skiers this might be their one chance, as with Stock, of leaping to the top.

The form horse is clearly Bill Johnson, of the United States, little known in Europe until this season, but already a winner (at Wengen), and quite the most prominent in training at Mount Bielasnica. In four training runs he has finished first second (twice) and eighth. He was second to Steiner yesterday without having to stretch himself in the way the Austrian had to do to gain bis place in

The Swiss downhillers have been quiet, by their standards. Their strongest card seems to be held by Pirmin Zurbrigen, a giant statom specialist. One would not have thought that the downhill course here was sufficiently demanding in tech-nique for his purposes but his training times connot be

Steve Podhorski, of Canada Stock has won only that Lake can never be ruled out; but it Placid downhill in his career seems to be asking too much of his compatriot, Todd Brooker, to reach his peak after many weeks lost through injury.

The British team will consist of the Bell brothers, Freddie Burton and Connor O'Brien. The younger Bell, Graham, has had a damaged hand but his training runs have shown him to be fit to run the course, if not behind at the end.

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Alpine style: Space walker A. Steiner takes one heck of a big leap in displacing the Austrian world champion

Into the realms of art and fantasy where beauty and success go hand in hand

There is no explanation of working class prejudice and artistic genius. Millions of ing two bewitching ice dancers from here tomorrow not just because they are physically almost as perfect as kingfishers in flight, but because the scamless elegance of this movement is the creation of a

Christopher Dean, who has come off a policeman's beat in Nottingham to achieve stardom in its truest sense, deserves to have carried the British flag yesterday if only in recognition of having lifted his sport into the realm of art. With his enfolding resebud of a partner he touches the double fantasy of the ordinary person: to be successful and beautiful.

it is, I suspect the gracefulness which is admired and will be remembered even more than the Olympic triumph which it would seem is theirs for the taking. In their final practice in an almost deserted ball last night, they received the spontaneous applause of British competitors from other events. some of whom were witnessing live for the first time the gulf which exists between the Nottingham pair and most of their

rivals.

Bobby Thompson, who was born comparatively poor in Salford, longed with a natural instinct to be a ballet dancer, but yielded to his footballfollowing father's unwitting

RUGBY LEAGUE

Schofield

makes it a

great year

By Keith Macklin

The selection of the Great Britain

Friday week completes a

team to play France at Headingley

remarkable year in the lie of Gary Schofield, the young Hull centre. At the moment Schofield shares

the lead in the league's try-scoring table with 20 touch downs, and in

the past 12 months he has been elected for Great Britain at four

different levels. He has captained the Colis, played for the Under-18s

and been substitute twice for the

rugby, yet he is leading the way in the first division scoring charts, a

great achievement for a young

player who was playing amateur

rughy league less than a year ago.

There are three new caps in the side, the others being the Widnes winger John Basnett, and Dick lastewaz, the Bradford Northern

players of considerable experience

there are places for Len Casey, the Hull Kingston Rovers forward who

has 14 caps. John Joyner, the

Castleford cente who has 13 caps and David Hall, the Hull Kingston

Rovers utility player, who has forced his way into recognition at a

time of his career when most payers would have given up hopes of a would have given up hopes of a senior cap. The captain is Brian Noble, the Bradford Northern

hooker, who missed the victory in

Avignon over France due to

Sritish squad called up for special training in preparation for this

Zealand. As nine of the 1en Widnes

representatives in the squad missed

the first training session at

Huddersfield on Tuesday night they

Nert not considered forthern; a Cark fluil RRI. J Journey (Castelorg), a Schooled (Northern); a Cark fluil RRI. J Beaneti (Widnes); E Honley (Braction Ronthern). D Cahre (Barrow); k Rayne (Leads); B Hoble (Bradford Northern, Captain); L Casey (huil RR); R Jassence (Braction Northern); D Hoble (Bradford Northern); D Hall (Huil RR); Substitutes: J Woods (Leigh); P Smith (Fashberstone).

were not considered for selection

Selection was made from the

r's tour of Australia and New

skating - in the old Derby Street hall. He now coaches not only Wendy Sessions and Stephen Williams, seventh in the recent European Championships, but possibly the closest rivals of Torville and Dean, the outstanding Judy Blumberg and Michael Seiberty from the United States. His opinion of Dean's relatively untrained choreography is one of affec-

"It is incomprehensible" Thompson says. "He is to ice dancing what McMillan or Aushton are to ballet. There are people in theatre who might not agree, but I can say it. Jayne and Chris are close friends. When I first saw Bolero in private I could not applaud: It overwhelmed me. It makes Barnum last year seem naive, yet that was a wonderful theatrical performance. Bolero is a statement, it is purity. There is nothing that clutters

tionate astonishment.

Dean had passing advice on choreography from two experts a few years ago: Gideon Avrahami, a ballet Rambert teacher, and Zoltan Nagy, a Hungarian dancer, who showed him how to embrace dancing techique without being effeminate. In the original set pattern Paso Doble to Capriccio Espag-noic: we see a matador, the concept of whom concedes nothing in masculinity to those

Loughborough

Loughborough, last year's runners up, reached the final of the Universities Athletics Union cham-

pionship again by defeating Not-tingham at Lilleshall yesterday. They will meet Durham, who struggled to beat Bristol 2-1, after

cura time at Loughborough.

Loughborough, looking more at home on the artificial turf pitch were more effective in attack, which

was usually led by Knorr and Boxell who moved smoothly through the middle. Nottingham were generally motivated by Clift, an England senior international, at right link.

but it was obvious that he was playing a lone hand and hecame too closely marked to be effective.

A smooth run in the fifth minute by Boyell led to Loughborough's

Nottingham ..

thundering down the bob-run. 'It is sophisticated, not some flamenco travel brochure for the observes. There are some in the sport who consider the perform-ance as exceptional as Bolero.

Could either the Americans. rhom I considered were unlacky to be third in last year's World Championship in Helsinki, or Natalia Bestemianiova and Andre Bokin, or Russia, second then and in Budapest last month, defeat the British pair? Blumberg and Seibert, superb dancers, admit the size of the task. "Because we start from behind" Seibert says, "is not enough to be equal. We have to be so inescapably better that there is no choice."

retained the US title, after missing five weeks during which since 19 and one who would not Seibert had had a glandular illness. To regain finesse for the own skaters, is sure in his own Olympics is in itself an mind, having observed the achievement, but Judy, a petite steady advance of the sport skiing entosiast says: "The through different phases. Torsetback has bonded as. To win, vill and Dean are on a new we just have to start at the plane, I have never encountered beginning and be perfect on all such absolute single-mindedthree days. The music is the ness and conviction. I am best we have ever had. With learning from them, Judy and Scheheracade in the free dance, Michael are beautiful skaters, we have something so different, superior to the Russians, but I but this is a great direction for have to be truthful and say that ice dancing, we are trying to do Chris and Jayne are better. If I the same thing (as Torvill and wasn't truthful, I couln't teach." Dean)". Seibert, his refined face It is the ultimate facination of reminiscent of John Curry's sport that truth in performance says: "It is a classic, original does not always prevail.

piece that nobody's done before. It's a bitch, physically difficult,

but it gives us a great feeling."

Abandon the conventional American view of ice dance as adaptation of Broadway zip. Blumberg and Seibert have been bold. There has been too. concern here for several days about tiny signs of tension in Dean, as well as continuing anxiety about the legality of one or two lifts in which Dean's hand rises above shoulder

Laurence Demmy, the English chairman of the laternational Skating Union's ice dance committee, who has in the past been accused of being technically pro-Soviet, is ada-mant that the British pair are authentic. We shall be watching They arrived here having just the French and Russian judges.

Thompson, a professional contemplate disloyalty to his

O'Connor, their goalkeeper, stood

With time running out Loughbo

rough gathered their resources for a

final onslaught, and ten minutes

well placed shot from a backness by

up well to some quick shots

A ski hero freed of his nemesis

Sarajevo Karl Schranz, stripped a gold medal in one Olympics and expelled from another, now finds vindication in the growing

affluence of his sport.

"I take some of the credit for what has happend, the former world champion said. Now skiers are making a lot of money, all getting rich. They come up to me now and say, "Karl, we are indebted to you. You made it happen."

Twelve years ago. Avery Bran-dage, near the end of his 20-year tenure as president of the Inter-national Olympic Committee, threatened to throw alpine skiing out of the Olympic program because of what he termed commercial abuses. His traget was Schranz, the best in the world at the time.

Interviewed in a Sapparo shop at the 1972 Olympics, Schranz Lamdage is a rich man who has no concern for the athlete." he said. "If he had his way all competitors in the Olympics would be aristocrats, gentlemen who could afford to pay

Brundage called a press conference and announced Schranz was suspended from the games. ism in alpine skiing have been

Today's events

Cross-country skiling: women's 10km Speed sketing: women's 1,500m Skiling: men's downhill fee hookey: Poland v West Germany; USSR v Italy, Sweden v Yugoslavie; Canada v Austria; Pinland v Norway; United States v Czechoslovake. l'oboggan: men's singles, women's singles

BBC1-TV: 10.55am-noon (men's downhill); 0.40-7.35pm (round-up)

bowlers overwhelm Australia

W Indies

Sydney (Reuter) - The West Indies gained ample reveage for their defeat by Australia in a World Series. Cup qualifying tie on Saturday. They routed the Australians by nine wickets yesterday in the first match of the best-of-

Their battery of fast bowlers set up the victory by dismissing Australia for 160 in 44.4 overs. They made excellent use of a pitch which had sweated under cover overnight.
The Australians were always

struggling after losing their opener. Kepler Wessels, with only five on the board. The other Australian opener, Sieve Smith, was the only home player to bat with any great conviction, scoring 50 from \$1 deliveries.

Joel Garner was again the most economical of the West Indian bowlers, conceding only 19 runs in his nine overs. Malcolm Marshall and Michael Holding also kept a

tight rein on the batsmen. elayed start because of rain meant that West Indies required 161 runs from 46 overs. That target was never likely to test their batsmen.

Australia's only success came at 29 when Carl Rackemann trapped Desmond Haynes leg before for 13. Richie Richardson and Larry Gomes then showed the application that had been missing from the Australian Batsmen in a stand of 132 which took the West Indies to victory with 17 balls to spare. Richardson made 80 and Gomes 46. The Australian captain, Kim Hughes, later blamed delays in signing tour contracts as one of the factors for his side's poor showing in the day-night game. "The players had a lot on their minds and it

A number of Australian players have objected to clauses in their contracts for the tour of the West Indies, which begins later this month, and the dispute remains unresolved, "Hopefully, we will get over our contractual problems (today) in a meeting with the Australian Cricket Board, Hughes

wasn't conducive to winning", he

Australian Cricket Board", Hughes said.

The Australian captain also said that he believed his side could still take the final into a deciding match by winning the second game, which takes place in Melbourne on February 14.

Melbourne (Reuter) - Graham Yaflop, who sprained ligaments in his right leg during a World Series Cup match, said yesterday that he was not confident about his chances of being fit for the Australian tour. If

of being fit for the Australian tour, if Yallop is ruled out, his replacement vill be another Victoria batsman.

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Notts funds

Nottingbamshire made a profit of £9.043 last year compared with a loss of £75.682 in 1982, although gate receipts and subscriptions were both down. With no beneficiary in the coming season the county are launching a fund-raising scheme to maintain and develop Trent Bridge with the aim of preserving its position as one of the leading Test match grounds.

CRICKET

Willis on defence Test rumours spin into eccentric orbits

From Derek Hodgson, Auckland

The England captain Bob Willis returned to a spirited defence of his batsmen here vesterday, while contemplating dropping a batsman for the third Test that begins at Eden Park tomorrow. For the first time in the series England seem likely to play five bowlers against New Zealand. There is even a wild rumour that both the spinners will be included.

Such excursions into fantasy can be explained by the more relaxed and philosophical mood that has overtaken the party once the cold winds, grey skies and sad memories of lovely behind. England practised furiously at the nets and then rounded up a few vagrant cricketers to play a match on the practice pitch. They did not look like a side who had just been beaten by an innings and 132 runs. Willis afterwards insisted that

his batsmen, despite all the criticism hurled at them, were not to blame: "I repeat what I said, that pitch was an absolute disgrace. The batsmen have been accused of lacking fight. Well, if you examine the dismissals you will see that most of them died trying to defend. There was nowhere else to go. It wasn't the kind of pitch you could slam the ball around

fourth morning of the Test, it was possible to pick out a piece of turf the size of a man's palm, like the piece of a jigsaw, on just about a quick bowler's length," Willis insisted that his bowl-

ers had shouldered the blame: lan Botham was horrified at the way he performed. Tony Pigott was disappointed at the way he bowled at Hadlee and although Norman Cowans took wickets he also bowled on average two bad balls an over.

The manager, Alan Smith, intervened to say: "There were 44 boundaries in the New Zealand innings and I believe the majority were scored square on either side of the wicket. That's bad bowling and that's where we lost the match." Willis added: "There has not

been the quality in our bowling over the last two or three years. We may m ss Gooch and Boycott but we also miss Lever. Old and Hendrick, guys you knew would run up to bowl and put the ball in the right place." What was established yesterday was that Dilley's thigh strain has not improved sufficiently for him to be considered. Foster had an hour's bowling, in the nets and the middle, and although he reported some discomfort afterwards (he toe early last week) Bernard Thomas believes he will be fit to play on Friday. Dilley's future will be discussed during the

On a pitch that looks very similar to the strip on which England scored 541 runs in the drawn provincial game a month ago. One spinner seems certain to be included and Marks is the current favourite.

The real debate will take place over whether to include the extra bowler (Cowans) or the extra baisman. Randall is having a little trouble with a strained arch on his right foot but he is unlikely to be the one to be left out, if Cowans plays



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will probably be the only one o the six who can bowl, Gatting Interest in sunny Auckland sky-high as New Zealanders'to to come to terms with their new status in the world of cricket "Are we really a good side, or is on.

He added: "To go back to the pitch. On Monday morning, which would have been the fourth morning of the Text."

I we really a good side, or is it that you played badly on a but that ciderly lady went to the trouble of informing me that her mother who came from Halifax, always said that England would be no good without Yorkshireman.

Certainly a batsman with the defensive technique of a Humon Boycott would make a world of difference to this team. But in Yorkshire, as everywhere else, the pitches are covered and opportunities to practice th dead-bat technique on a life

Pakistan team manager resigns

Karachi, (Reuter) - The turmor yesterday when intikhab Alan resigned as team manager. "I am quitting with immediate effect, he said soon after his return with the team from the Australian tour.

The Pakisran Cricket Board Control (BCCP) had alread announced that intikhab was to be reappointed as manager of the Pakistan team for England's too there beginning early next mouth His resignation comes after No Khan's decision to resign as chief of

After Pakistan's poor performances in Australia. Ejaz Bun was by President Mohammad Zia-Al-Haq, who is patron to the BCCP Nur Khan took over from Ejaž bul resigned four days later. The appointment of his su-

cessor. Major General Safdar Buil has already come under criticies from several quarters and the Daws newspaper of Karachi has called for a thorough probe into BCCP affairs.

Meanwhile Imran Khan, the team captain was quoted by the official Associated Press of Pakistan news agency as saying he was unavailable to play England for three reasons – unspecified "vested interests". his inability to bowl a

in the team as a batsman. The last bowler said the "vested interests' did not want him to be

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first goal. He forced a short corner which gave way to a penalty stroke which Knott converted in fine style. IN BRIEF

MP may be Olympic cox Colin Moynihan. MP for Lewishani East, is back in the British Olympic rowing squad, and could be in the team to compete in Los Angeles this summer. Movnihan, who coxed the British eight to a silver medal in Moscow in 1980 and in the World Championships the following year, is one of two candidates for the coxing seat though he may have to give up his chance because of pressure of work both in the House of Commons and

outside. As well as being at Westminster, Moonihan, aged 27, is a member of the Sports Council, the Sports Aid Foundation and is a steward of the British Boxing Board of Control.

BOXING: The welterweight. Stewart Darden, aged 24, continues to show improvement in his recovery from head injuries suffered in a bout TENNIS: Jummy Connors, the top seed, has shaken off the effects of a neck injury and is ready to defend his United States National Indoor last month. The promoter, Wes Wambold said: "He's completely normal in every respect except that he can't walk yet because he can't

A brilliant save on the line by Travis with several spirited attacks they helped Nottingham to avoid falling could make little impression on the into further arrears, but after ten Loughborough defence in which helped Nottingham to avoid falling into further arrears, but after ten minutes their own machine moved in high gear and they forced three successive short corners.

Loughborough in final again

Play was on an even keel for everal minutes with both defences standing up well under pressure. Nottingham's persistence was finally rewarded when Clift scored crossing the line off a defender's

Loughborough, however, took control again and another smooth run by Knort led to a short corner from which Close scored to put them in the lead again. By the end of the first half Loughborough had forced nine short corners to

When the second half began Loughborough forced another short corner before Nottingham returned comer before Nottingham returned the compliment, and from this award the Loughborough goalkeeper saved a stinging shot from Clift. Although Nottingham came back

move his right foot. Mentally, he

has a few problems. He can recognize everybody and talk to them. He just gets confused at

GOLF: Keith Hockey, who gives up

his first post as captain of the Professional Golfers' Association

next month, has been named asthe

A former PGA chairman, and the professional at Parkstone, Hockey

will receive a cheque for £250 and a

title in the \$315,000 tournament in

Memphis that he has won seven

gallon of scotch.

Knott to make the game safe for them. But towards the end Longson, a substitute for Burrows, came close to reducing the lead. He took advantage of a stip in defence and

advantage of a strp in defence and raced through on his own to be confronted by the goalkeeper who robbed him of his chance at the top of the circle. The final will be played on February 29 at the Alexander Sports Stadium in Birmingham.

LOUGHBOROUGH R O'Connor: K Packer, D Taylor, D Hutchson, R Ker, N Case, D Knott. (captain), P Bond, P Head, P Cose, (sub, R Burnley), T Cooks. (captam), P Bonde, P Head, P Close, (sub, Burnley, T Cooke, HOTTINGHAM: M Birnell, M Travis (captam), Woodward, J Herbert, A Summer, R Chit, Wisher, R Chembers, A Thomas, M Perlin, Burnows (sub, M Longson), Limpines: F Hubber and J Reeli (Wesser Courties).

> **REAL TENNIS** can be first to

By William Stephens

Prior to his vactory in the Open Ronaldson won the US professional singles at Newport by defeating Toates, an Englishman, 6-4, 6-3, 0-6, 6-1. having previously beaten the Holyport professional. Colin Lum-ley. 6-4, 6-5, 6-3.

White Horse golf personality for January, Hockey, who was chosen by a panel of golf journalists, gave an impressive display as captain of the PGA Cup team that beat the United States at Muirfield last

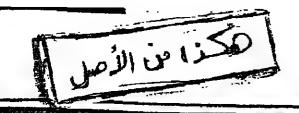
World champion win Grand Slam

Christopher Ronaldson, the world champion, last month moved closer to becoming the first player to achieve the real terrors "Grand Slam" when he won the US Open Championship at the Philadelphia Racquer Club. He defeated the Newport, Rhode Island pro-fessional Barry Toates, 4-6, 6-4, 5-6, 6-2, 6-2 Real tenus is only played in four countries, so Ronaldson, the British, French and US Open champion, now looks forward to September in Melbourne.

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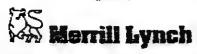
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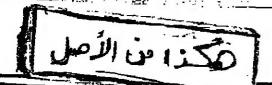
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The non-executive director role

Appointment of an employee to the board of a company usually means more money, extra prestige and a wider range of fringe benefits - but what is it worth in corporate power and influence? In the extreme, but by no means uncommon, case of companies run by an autocrat, becoming a director is about as meaningful as getting one of the lesser birthday honours.

Even at best, there is an inherent contradiction in the status of being company executive. Behind him you simultaneously an employee and a director of a company. Because some boardroom colleagues will be one's functional superiors, it will be hard to have what may, on occasion, be a tough discussion about matters of policy. Yet that is what board meetings are supposed to be about. They are also supposed to be about the introduction of new ideas; and it is common for non-executives to be in a minority of two or three on a board. Though there is nothing the introduction of new ideas; and it is constitutives it is generally underis difficult for new ideas to be aired in a circle of people who see a great deal of each other and possibly not enough of the outside world.

a growing practice of appointing non-executive directors; according to a recent survey by headhunters Korn Ferry International, some 90 per cent of the larger UK companies have at least one on the board.

cipher that still adorns the letterheads ant of some of the more old-fashioned companies. Nowadays, though, such a person is the exception. Non-executive directors have real duties, though not of a direct managerial nature. They do not, for example, give orders to employees. So what do they do and what sort of people get appointed?

is Clive Carr, who, as well as being that arises in large companies is the executive chairman of the Park Lane -performance of senior executives, it. Hotel, London, is also a non-executive helps enormously to get a second tive director of a number of opinion. Then there's the question of companies of a totally different kind. one's own salary - "this is something One of them is in publishing - an you prefer to discuss with someone industry where he has strong family connections. Another is in a first division football club, where he can combine his wide administrative experience with his interest in sport: he was a distinguished all-round athlete in his younger days.

He says that the way a football club

Godfrey Golzen describes a system which enhances the value of employees or a company's board

is run is an extreme example of nonexecutive directorship in action. "You have a manager who has responsibility for achievement, just like a have what is often an entirely non-executive board. They don't tell the players how to play, but they do create a financial climate that enables the manager to get on with the job of

sponsibilities, it is generally under-stood that they must be able to contribute particular expertise or general experience not possessed by To prevent this happening, there is the board's full-time members. Nonexecutive directors are quite often appointed by banks, or large minority shareholders, to widen a company's horizons or to undertake specific tasks. The most common task is to sit on an audit committee to institute or The term "non-executive" might review financial controls. The role of suggest a person without real re- a non-executive director then responsibilities - the sort of noble sembles that of a part-time consult-

More often, though, the initiative comes from the chairman. Clive Carr points out that there are matters that a chief executive may want to discuss with colleagues who have a less direct

involvement with his company.

There are things I would not want to broach prematurely - acquisitions, A typical example of the new breed for instance," he says. Another issue quite independent."

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The number of vacancies adver- than are forecasting job losses. Most

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ties usually take up no more than a

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certainty involve some homework and also any special assignments that arise beyond mere board attendance.

Although a non-executive director

is not extremely well paid, considerably more people than there are vacancies look for appointments. Requests to serve usually come

through recommendation, Carr says.

often, a chairman seeks suitable names from his friends and other

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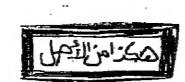
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BBC1 5.00 Ceefax AM: News and information service, available on every TV set.

5.30 Breakfast Time: with Setina Scott and Frank Bough. Today's Thursday "specials" include Breakfast Time doctor and Glyrin Christian's cooke feature (both between 8.30 and 9.00). Regular items include news at 6.30 then halthourly until 3.30; sport (6.40 and 8.40), TV Choice (6.55). Morning papers review (7.18 and 6.18).

9.00 The Genuine Article: How to tell genuine ceramics from takes (r): 9.25 Ceofex pages; 10.30 Play School.

0.55 Olympic Grandstand: Live coverage of the first full day of the Winter Olympics competition at Sarajevo. The !eatured event is the Men's Downhill. The reporting team: David Coleman, Ron Pickering, Barry Davies, Alan Weeks and Tony Gubba, More at 6.40. More Ceefax pages at

2.30 News After Noon; 12.57 Financial Report, And

1.00 Pebble Mill at One: Guests include Caroline Rawsden, author of A View from Primrose Hill. Plus Jill Crawshaw's holiday advice 1.45 King Rollo; 1.50 Bric-a-

2.00 The Afternoon Show: Back pain - its cause and treatmen A'so, a report on lite after divorce, And Vernon Coleman asks: Is your home a death trap? 2.40 Dynasty: Krystle (Linda Evans) faces her worst

ordeal. 3.25 Arthur Negus Enjoys: A visit to Weston Park (r), 3.50 Magic Roundabout; 3.55 Play School: It's Thursday; 4.20 The Adventures of Tin Tin: cartoon from France (r); 4.25 Tottie - The Story of a Doli's House: part 4 of the Rumer Godden story, in animated form; 4.40 Fonz and the Happy Days Geng; 5.05 John Craven's Newsround; 5.10 Blue Peter: How to make your

5.40 Sixty Minutes. The line-up is: News (5.40), weather (5.54), regional magazines (5.55), closing headlines (6.38).

5.46 Olympic Grandstand: More from Sarajevo. The Men's Downhill and other events including the Ladies 10km cross-country and the Ladles 1,500m speedskating.

7.35 Top of the Pops; with Dave Lee Travis and Gary Davies. 8.05 The Living Planet: Fourth film in this 12-part series. David Attenborough explores the jungle of Ecuador and finds the world's largest flower, the smallest monkey, and many other rain forest wonders. 9.00 News: the reader is Sue

9.25 Diana: Episode five of this 10part adaptation (by Andrew Davies) of the R. F. Delderfield book. Mr Gayelorde-Sutton consents to the marriage of Jan and Diana, but Jan takes attempts to surprise him by renovating Foxhayes Farm. With Jenny Seagrove in the title role, and Kevin McNally as

10.20 Question Time: Tonight's panellists are Lesley Abdella. of the 300 Group; Dr John Cumningham, Labour MP for Copeland; Jenny Kirkpatrick, general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers; and Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy. With Sir Robin Day.

11.20 Letting Go: A mother and son discuss how they came to terms with his homosexuality. And parents discuss teenagers in love.

11.45 News headlines. And weather forecast, Ends at 11.50.

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TV-am 5.25 Good Morning Eritain: with Nick Owen and Anne Diamond. The Thursday 'specials" include Stars and ther Families (8.10), Films (8.35), and Royal Diary (8.45). The regular items include news (6.30, then rait-hourly until 9.00), sport (6.35, 7.35), Mad Lizzie (6.50 and 9.15). John Stapleton's Sposight (7.20) and Guest of the Day (7.40).

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6.25 Thames naws headlines: 9.30 For Schools (um) 12,001 9:30 Bananas, 9.42 Starting Science, 9.59 humbers story; 10.11 Growing Again; 10.28 An MP's work, 10.50 Brain power; 11.08 Back Brush: 11.22 Sending a card, 11.39 German Programme (im Cate)

12.00 Emma and Grandpa: repeated at 4 00; 12,10 Get up and Go: with Beryl Reid (1): 12.30 The Sullivans: Australian family drama (continues).

1.00 News at One, 1.20 Thames News; 1.30 A Plus. Following the NACNE report a proposals for nutritional guidelines for health education in Striden, Kay Avita examines the Broist diet; and a London family embark on a three-week trial of some of the report s

2.03 Crown Court The verdict in the case of the nurse (Juhet Stavenson), accused of injuring a laundryman during a strike: 2.30 The Agatha Christie Hour. The Case of the Discontented Soldier, An expert on human happiness (Maurice Denham) suggests a cure for a bored former Army officer (William Gaunt) who returning from Kenya, finds life in England tame (r). 3.30 Sons and Daughters: Why John is reluctant to be Kevin's best

4.00 Children's ITV: Emma and Grandpa; 4.15 Batfink: cartoon: 4.20 Do ft: The final film about the enterprising newspaper girl. Sheelagh Glibey; 4.45 This is Me: Horse mad Dawn Biddlecombe rides to the hounds in her native Gloucestershire: 5.15 The Young Doctors: Hilary tells Philip that she is in love. 5.45 News: 6.00 Thames news:

6.30 Thames Sport 7.00 Knight Rider: Michael and KITT are trapped at the botton

of a quarry. 8.00 Hotel: Lisa, aged 10, befriends a robot; a liftboy has a change of heart about a planned robbery; and the hotel manager receives a treasury note he was not expecting.

9.00 The Steam Video Company: The Secret of Plankton Lodge. Spool decisetive yarn, with William Franklyn, Barry Cryer, Anna Dawson, Bob Todd. Madeline Smith and Jimmy Mutville.

9.30 TV Eye: Tonight's edition assesses the impact of the drinking and driving, and considers whether the laws should be changed to allow random testing by the police and enable magistrates

sentences. 10.00 News at Ten: Followed by Thames News Headline 10.30 Film: Berefoot in the Park (1967). Very pleasing romantic comedy, based on the Neil Simon stage play, with Robert Redford and Jane Fonds as

the newly-weds who move into a flat at the top of a liftless building. The wife plans to marry off her staid widowed mother (Mildred Natwick) to one of her neighbours (Charles Boyer). Directed by

Gene Saks. 12.25 Night Thoughts: with Canon Peter Challen.



Kenneth Branagh, he stars in the new serial The Boy in the Bush (Channel 4, 9.30pm)

BBC 2

7.20 Open University (rules Rule OK) 7.45; Pages from Ceelax

at 9.00. 9.15 Daytime on Two (until 3.00). 9.15 Encounter: Spain; 9.33 Descubra España;

11.05Maths-m-a-box; 11.30 Age of the Datosaurs; 11.55

newsreel and TV), 12.45 Write

1.30 Around Scotland (life at a Dundee hospital); 2.00 You and Me; 2.15 Music Time; 2.40

winto bowes; rist quarter-final of the Embassy World Indoor Championship, from Coatbridge, Plus highlights of this morning's play, Further

coverage tonight at 10.10.

game, with Earth visitors pitted against Arg planet tolk. The

Earthings: Duncan Goodhew, Emma Disley and Sue

angling (the fourth). Plus advice to anglers from Stefan Ormod, chief wildlife officer of the RSPCA.

constantly entertaining film of the CS Forester novel, about a

tough spinster (Katharine Hepburn) who persuades a

boozy river man (Humphrey Bogart) to join her in sinking a

Garman gunboat during the First World War. Also starring

Oscar for his performance. 8.30 Out of Court: Crime, punishment and justice. A

Million-pound antiques

9.00 The Helio Goodbye Man:

9.30 Forty Minutes: The Mating

the tiny spa village of Lisdoonvarna, in County Clare

Robert Morley. Bogart won an

burglary is cracked in tonight's

Positive action for the useless salesman Denis Alling (lan

Lavender) means asking for a transfer. Meanwhile, he has

had a tiff with Jennifer (Mary Tamm) and his sales figures

on A coachload of

women from Chicago travel to

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'matchmakers' books is Willie

has come in search of love. He

wants a wife - and five years

of searching have yielded little Perhaps his dream will come

true at last when the Chicago

action in the quarter-finals of the Embassy World Indoor Chempionship, held today at the Coatbridge Indoor Bowling

12.25am) State and Society in 1984. With Professors Stuart

Half and Raymond Williams.

ladies arrive in the village of

Lisdoonvarna. 10.10 World Bowls: The best of the

Club. 10.45 Newsnight: Buildtins and

comment.

11.39 Open University (until

Brophy a farm labourer who

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Nicholis. 6.20 Hooked:Another heat of match

Film: The African Queen (1951) John Huston's

5.35 News: with sub-titles for the

hard of hearing. 5,40 The Adventure Game: Logic

Better Badminton; 12.20 Visions of Change (1950s

1.10 A Good Job with Prospects:

3.00 World Bowts: First quarter

 The House of Ells, a novel by an Australian nurse. Mollie Skinner, fell into the hands of D H Lawrence for her and gave it the new little, THE BOY IN THE BUSH which it bears in tonight's serialization (Channel 4, 9.30pm). it must, originally, have been pretty poor stuff because, even under Lawrence's hand, Miss Skinner's tale did not add up to very much. although there is no mistaking the Lawrencean touch in the sculpting

opening spisode - there are three more to come - indicates that the

CHANNEL 4

5.30 Chips Comic: Children's

5.00 Television Scrabble: Today's guest player is the actress and singer Stephanie Lawrence.

Chios), includes items on a

North Sea oil platform, and

20-part drama senal about a

teenagers' quest for his

6.00 Barriers: Episode six of this

embryo frontiersman is going to end up as good a fighter, horsemand lover as anybody else in rural 1880 Australia. Considering the somewhat intractable nature of the raw material he had to work from, Hugh Whitemore has written a screenplay that hits its two principal targets fairly and squarely on the nose: there is no shortage of of its hero, the English college boy who, expelled because of a bloody prank involving a teacher, is packed off to Australia in the hope surface action, and the psychological delving (the Lawrencean bits) does not get out of hand. You get the feeling that, with episode one out of the way. that he will mond his ways and that Kenneth Branagh (as the the new, muscular, frontier life he eponymous hero) is going to deepen his characterization. As for the visuals, any single frame in the film (the photography is by Peter will share with his cousins will make a man of him. Tonight's

CHOICE

Hendry) is proof positive that the camera cannot be fooled: if a tale is supposed to be happening in Australia, then Australia is where it as to be limed. To its cost, The Thom Birds opted for California

 Other highlights tonight: With its teaming of Hepburn and Bogart, THE AFRICAN QUEEN (BBC), 6.50pm) reminds us that the much-despised Hollywood star system could touch heights that can only be described as sublime.....Sam Shepard's play TRUE WEST (Radio 3, 7.45pm) makes you leel you are arting on a box of rattlesnakes. Although this tale of menace is set in southern California, and sounds convincingly like it, I believe that the closest Peter King's production actually got to the United States was the nearest McDonald's take-

Martin Jarvis and Christopher Godwin,†

7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Concert Preude. A look sheed to tenight's concert. The short talk is by Fritz Spiegt.
7.30 Halle Orchestra Part 1. Direct from the Free Trade Hall, Manichaster, With Janna Falkowska (pano). Schellus's Karelia Suita; and Gneg's Plano Concerto.!
8.25 Any Answers?: with David Jacobs. Listeners comment on points raised by the panel in list week's edition of Any Questions? which came from Tewksbury.
8.40 Hallé Orchiestra: Concert. Part

8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57
Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Checkpoint. A weekly
investigation into listeners'
problems of unter dealings and
injustice. With Roger Cook (r).
9.30 The Living World.
10.00 News; in Business.
10.30 Morning Story: 'A Dog's Life' by
Donald Bancrott. The reader is
Rex Holdsworth.
10.45 Daily Service.

Radio 4

1.40 The Authors 1,30 sumplying
Forecast.
2.00 News; Wornan's Hour, In today's
edition, Anna Grayson goes to a
church in Hertfordshire where a
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Afternoon Theatre: Sing Unel Tomorow. By Danse Bishop. With Maggle McCarthy. Valene Saruff, Hugh Dickson and Neville Jason. Holidaying in Corti with her hutband, an Englighwornan loses a tooth in an accident. From the transport the without respect the property of the

change fundamentally.†
4.60 News; Just After Four, Moving through Manchester, with Jeff

Nuttall.
4.10 Bookshelf. Radio 4's book programme. With Hunter Davies.
4.40 Story Time: 'Atlantic City Proof' by Christopher Cook Glimore (4). Read by the author.
5.00 PM: News Magazine 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather; Programme News.

Programme News. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial

Report.
6.30 Legal, Decant, Honest and Truthful. The first of six programmes by Guy Jenkin, and Jon Canter – "Happiness... is a Career in Adventising". With

BBC1 Wates: 12.57-1.00 pm News of Wates 3.48-3.50 News of Wates 5.55 (Part of Sixty Minutes) Wates 70day. 11.45 News headlines. Scotland: 12.55-1.00 pm Scotland: 855 (part of Sixty Minutes) Scotland: Sixty Minutes. 11.45 News headlines. Northern Ireland News. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland News. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland News. 3.55 (Part of Sixty Minutes) Scene Around Six. 11.45 News headlines. England: 5.55 pm (Part)

News headlines. England: 5.55 pm (Part of Skty Minutes.) 11.50 Close.

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1.20 pm-1.30 News. 3.25 am First Thing.
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Crossroad. 7.00 That's My Boy. 7.30-8.00 Carry On Laughing. 10.30 Timeless Land. 11.30 Crann Tara. 12.00 News.
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natural parents. Tonight: a break-in at the cottage in Bamburgh. With Benedict Taylor as the teenager (r). 10.45 Daily Service. 11.00 News; Trvel; Analysis: Post-6.30 The Good Food Show: Why stodgy goodles such as jam roly-poly, spotted dick and Recession Britain, 11.48 Enquire Within.

Canbbean sunshine on a 7.00 Channel Four News. Followed

reacle tart deserve to be

by weather forecast 8.00 Treasure Hunt: Anneka Rice and her helicopter are in the sky over Majorca while, back in the studio in London, a Reading father and son, Patrick and Michael Princhard search for clues, assisted by Kenneth Kendali. This Channe 4 show provides entertainmen of a very special sort.

9.00 Soep: Carol decides never to let Jodie see the baby she is expecting. And Sally tells Mary about her affair with Burt.

9.30 The Boy in the Bush: Episode one of Hugh Whitemore's four-part TV version of the D H novel. Starring Kenneth Branagh in the title role (see

10.30 World in Action Special: Here We Stand. A Protestant view of the Uister crisis. The opinions expressed during the programme challenge what me believe to be the conventional conviction that Northern Ireland is a close community with closed minds Those taking part include the widow of an RUC man shot dead by the IRA; Lord-Brookeborough, whose father Northern Ireland; Gareth. Porter, an insurance salesn with a degree in Ancient former shop steward at Harland and Wolff's shipyard;

strength in Granada Television current attairs programmes. 11.30 Wish You Were Here: Chris Kelly travels to Cyprus; Judith Chairners visits the city of Chester, and Ed Ster his family reach the shores of the Pacific Ocean, at

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12.00 Stand Your Ground: Two women in Kalegi Quinn's self-protection class tell how they resisted attempted rapes by masked intruders in their own homes. Third film in an important series of eight. FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World

6.00 News Briefing: Weather.
6.10 Farming Today, 6.25 Shipping
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2. Brahms's Symphony No 4.1
9.30 Kalelcoscope, Arts magazine,
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Gathering of Old Men; the
exhibition of American folk art at
the Barbican Gellery in London;
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10.15 A Book At Bedime: 'Fire Falcon'
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5.55 Weather, 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert, Part one. Lehar's waitz Gold and Silve William Birtheman's in pace (Guildford Cathedral choir):

Schumarm's Three Romanoes, Op 84 (Leon Gocsens, oboe an Garaid Moore, piano), and Chopin's (arch Dauglas) ballet music Les Sylphides, 1 8.00

8.05 Moming Concert, Part Iwe.
Debussy's Images (Book, 1:
Arturo Benedem Michelangeli);
C Vogel's Simichia Concertante
B flat (Hartman, bansoon and Klocker, clarinet), and Rossini's granture Seminamide.1 9.00

9.05 This Week's Composer: Bartok. Politin and the Crucago SO perform the Pieno Concerto No 2. Aso, Tokyo Quartet play the String Quartet No 4.1

10.00 Strauss: Ein Heldenleben, Played by BBC SO under Pritchard.† 10.50 Schumern and Stravensky: recital by Henry Rubin, worin with Jan Lamam Koenig (plano). Schumarn's sonata No 1 in A myor, Op 105: and Stravinsky's Duo Concertant.

11.25 Chamber Orchestra of Europe: Scottish Chamber Orchestra Scotters Creatings of Consequence perform Mayda's Symphony No 75; Frank Martin's Pette Symphonic Concertants; and, at 12.20, Beethoven's Symphony No 2, Interval reading at 12.15.1 1.00 News.

1.65 Manchester Midday Concert. The New London Consort perform Scariatti's Cantata: Fai tu sas ajio l'amo; Corelli's Trio-Sonata No 5 in Finajor; Handai's cantata Nel dolce dell'oblo: Trio-Sonata in F; Scariato's cantata: Augelin.1

2.00 Bank Ban: Ferenc Erkel's three-Bank Ban: Ferènc Erkel's three-act opers, sung in Hungarian. Performed by the Hungarian. State Opera Chorus and Budapest Philharmonic Orchastra. With Jozsef Simandy in the trite role. Act 2 at 3.00, and Act 3 at 3.50, with interval readings at 2.55 and 3.45.1 Numbers, Accord Microphysics and

4.30 Brahms: Anton Weinberg and Peter Wattlach play the Clarinet Sonata in E flat major, Op 120, No 2: 4.55 News. 5.00 Manily for Pleasure: another Roger Nichola selection. Includes works by Janacek, Haydn, Gerstwin and Shostakovich.?

Gershwin and Shostakovich.†

6.30 Bandstand: The Hendon Band play William Himes's March Bravura; Galbert Vinter's Spectrum; and Ene Bail's Legend: The Trumph of Peace.†

7.00 Lieder from Salzburg: recreal by Teresa Berganza (mezzo) and Juan Amorioo Alverez Parejo, includes the Musorgsky songcycle The Nursery, Respich is E se un gromo tomasser. Nebble, and Stometatince; and first United Kingdom broadcast of a work by Francisco Emani Braga.†

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California, With Lee Montague and Alan Tivern (r). 9.15 Mozert and Janaceic Susan Tomes (piano) plays Mozart's Sonata in B flat, K333; and Janacek's On an overgrown pati Book 2.†

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8.55 The Death of Hektor. Cyril Cusack reads the short story by Brian Coffey. In it, the story of Hektor and the Trojan war is updated to a bleak modern world.

10.15 Music in Our Time: First United igobrieroskicasi er Giacinio alsi's Caami del Capricomo: (h Michiko Hirayama (soprano), John Harle (prepared saxophone), David Balen (percussion) and James Wood

Radio 2

(percusalon).† 11.15 News. Until 11.18.

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Turner. 10.30 Star Sound Extra. Lae
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screen career. 11.00 Brian Matthew
presents Round Midnight (stereo from
midnight) including 11.02 Cricket 12.05
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Sale of Scott Lithgow agreed

By Edward Townsend

Trafalgar House, the shipping and property group which owns the QE2 and the Ritz Hotel in London, yesterday reached conditional agreement to buy the Scott Lithgow shipyard on the Clyde from loss-making British Shipbuilders.

The deal, while saving the state-owned and much-troubled yard fromt total closure, will however result iin up to 2,250 of the 3,500 workers losing their

transfer to private ownership is conditional upon renegotiation of the £88m contract between Scott Lithgow and Britoil to build a semisubmersible drilling rig for the North Sea. Britoil cancelled the rig order in December, claiming it was two years behind schedule, and British Shipbuilders was forced to initiate 3,000 redundancies at the yard by the end of March. Britoil, which is to meet Trafalgar House today for

further discussions, has set a deadline of February 29 for a final decision on its order. This is the date set yesterday for the transfer of ownership of Scott Lithgow to Trafalgar. Britoil is awaiting technical

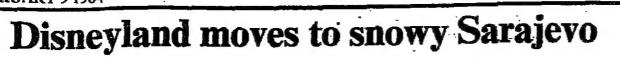
presentations from two other companies over the yard and the rig contract. Bechtel, and the Howard Doris group.

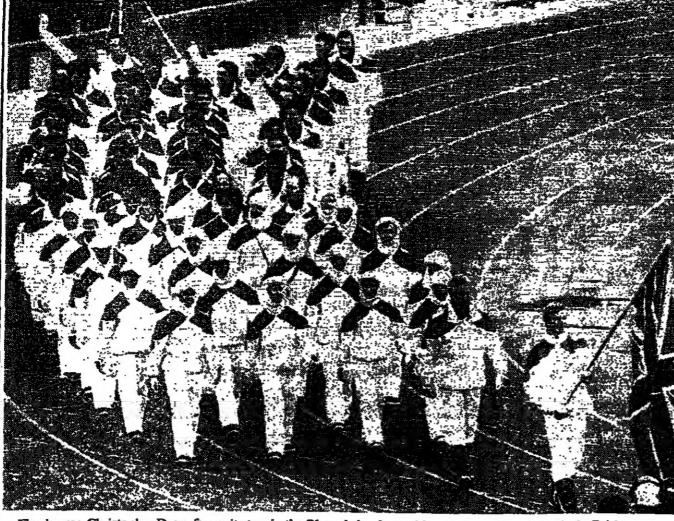
Financial details of the Trafalgar House deal remained shrouded in secrecy last night. Mr Graham Day, the BS chairman, described it as "a complicated transaction" which would not increase the cash burden on British Shipbuilders. However, with other poten-tial buyers in the wings, the deal

is bound to provoke a political storm, with the Government being accused of giving away the yard. And the Trafalgar House announcement was greeted with

outrage and amazement by Scott Lithgow workers, and the other parties interested in the Scott Lithgow shop stewards convener, Mr Duncan McNeil, said the Trafalgar bid would be opposed by any means. He described it as a shotgun

wedding". Last night, a Howard Doris spokesman said he was amazed at the announcement. His a formal bid to take over the yard today.





Flag-bearer: Christopher Dean, favourite to win the Olympic ice dance title with Jayne Torvill, leads the British team

From David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent, Sarajevo

An overnight snowfall gave Sarajevo's roofscape of mossarajevo's rootscape of mosques and minarets a Disney-like charm for yesterday's ceremonial opening of the XIV Winter Olympic Games by the Yugoslav President, Mika

Yugoslav President, Mika Spiljak. With the engaging friendli-ness which has characterized these Games so far, thousands of young Bosnians enacted the usual hosts' parade of colourful formations and songs – that strange amalgam of Busby Berkeley and Olympic solemnity. Yugoslav folk dances, for instance, looked a shade odd in heavy snow boots.

The British flag was appropri-ately carried by the World and European ice dance champion Christopher Dean, who is an outstanding favourite to win the Olympic with his partner, Jayne Torvill. Ivo Carman, a cross-country

skier, entered the stadium on skis carrying the Olympic flame, which he handed to the figure skater, Sanda Dubravcic. She rau up 90 steps to 2 platform where she lit the torch - part of the permanent Olympic flame - which will

burn throughout the Games.
Bojan Krisaj, a strikingly handsome Alpine skier, took the Olympic oath on behalf of the 1,200 contestants, "to respect the rules of the Games". The International Olympic Committee will now continue to the test to decide what continue to try to decide what

those rules are to be.
Over 45,000 people filled a renovated football ground for the ceremony which celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of the Winter Olympics. In accordance with tradition, the Greek team led - behind them came 1.437 other athletes from a record entry of 49 countries. The intimidating numbers of the Soviet Union and the

United States contrasted with a number of countries who were only able to enter one competi-tor, such as Senegal, Puerto Rico and - competing for the first time - the British Virgin For the first time, too, China

and Taiwan (competing under the banner of China-Taipei) marched together in an Olympic stadium. The Olympic spirit is not yet dead. Games reports, page 22

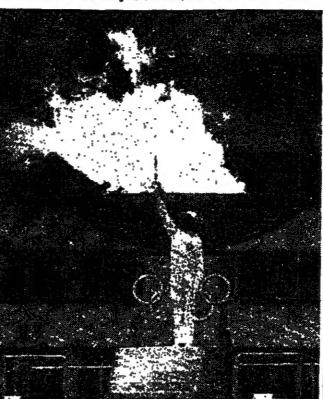
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Exhibitious in progress



Flame-bearer: A Yugoslav lights the Olympic torch

Britain quits as Marines prepare to evacuate

Continued from page 1 up at Jounieb which have to wait for a freighter to take them out of the country. In theory, therefore, British troops could return in the near future to some new role here - perhaps a United Nations role with the French, who clearly believe their troops may be able to hold on long enough for just such duties. But that is certainly not

what British officials are plan-

Now that the Americans have decided to lend air and naval support to the Geymayel faction of the government army, how ever, it would have proved impossible for the British to have maintained their political independence in the eyes of the

Whatever Mr Reagan may say, his warships are now fighting on one side in a civil war against another side. The Syrian news agency Sana claimed last night that scores of Lebanese civilians had been killed in the bombardment by the New Jesey which hit areas on the mountains east of Beirut and as far away as Chtaura in the Bekaa Valley. There were no independent witnesses to the casualty figures.

Link to cancer discovered in cell study Continued from page 1

important indeed. It greatly enhances our understanding of

Dr Michael Crampton, deputy director of research out the ICRF, said: "This is a very significant discovery. It is vasic research whose results have opened up new ways of thinking about ongogenes and cancer. But much more funda-mental work is needed before there is any possibility of putting this discovery to work in the clinic". The research suggests that a

rise research suggests that a virus can bypass the need for a growth factor or "key" by making a modified version of the "lock", or growth factor receptor. The information to make the defective lock is contained within the oncogene known as erb-B, that is carried by the virus. Computer research revealed

a striking similarity between erb-B and a normal growth factor and showed that a related but defective version of the "lock" is carried by a virus that causes cancer in birds.

Robert Fisk in Beirut

Gunmen bring the Islamic Revolution

The Islamic Revolution arrived yesterday in familiar fashion. In the restaurants along Hamra Street, in the small bars to the south, a series of young and armed men arrived, bearded for the most part, declining to name their organization but well aware of their intention. In each bar, each food store.

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they seized the wine, whisky, vodka and beer and threw it into the street until they had created a carpet of coloured glass on the pavements. They raided the Hamra Cellar restaurant, the Duke of Wellington in Rue Nehme Yafet and the Cock and Bull, whimsically named after some English forebear in the days when people came to Beirut for holidays rather than war. A man with a gun even

entered the sacred precincts of the Commodore hotel bar. that emporium of sobriety in which many a correspondent has discovered his true vocation, and ceremonially smashed a bottle of Campari. a whisky, a gin and three beers on the floors. "Get this alcohol out of here," he shouled at the barman.

But these young men were serious people for whom humour would not be humour appropriate. Not far from the hotel, three more armed men anxious to enforce the exclusive rules of their Islam walked into another small shop, found drinks on the shelf and immediately shot the owner in the chest and the stomach with an automatic

Bombardment goes on and on

There were guns every-where yesterday, representing a variety of ideologies. There were the rilles of the Shin Amal militiamen in Ouzai where thousands of newlyprinted coloured posters of Ayatollah Khomeini are now plastered along the walls and telegraph poles and the deserted Army sentry posts. There were the rifles of the Druze militias, flying their red flags 30 yards from the American Marines.

But above all others were the 16-inch guns of the USS New Jersey, firing out of the sea spray and the leaden sky high over the city of Beirut towards the Syrians far away in the Bekaa, halfway

The New Jersey's guns were a phenomenon, spouting an incredible 700st stame from their barrels, a gout of white fire that reflected on the storm clouds and the sea. It took 20 seconds for the sound of the guns to reach the windswept Corniche, and when it did the ground trembled.

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The bombardment went on and on all afternoon as the American Marines prepared to abandon Beirut, the fiery old battleship and its broadsides at one and the same time a symbol of the world's might iest military power and an expression of complete politi-

One of the few little pieces of dignity

The gunmen watched it all from the Corniche with the scarcest interest. The British had gone, the Americans were going. The French were staying in their bunkers waiting maybe for a set of blue bereis that would turn them into a United Nations force, Only the Italian soldiers -

all honour to them - stayed on patrol in west Beirut, driving their thin-skinned jeeps through streets in which the snipers were having their sport, the troops on board wearing only soft bereis nodding at the militias but keeping their ground around the Palestinian camps that they were sent here to guard 18 months ago. The Italians take more wounded than any foreign troops here these days but they have not left yet and they provide now, in a strange way, one of the few little pieces of dignity left in Beirut

There was a somewhat different mood down by the British embassy where three American helicopters evacu-ated 50 American civilians and three British soldiers from the Corniche. The troops had been operating the embassy's radio and a corporal from Dorset was last onto the aircraft. In the embassy;s yellow-

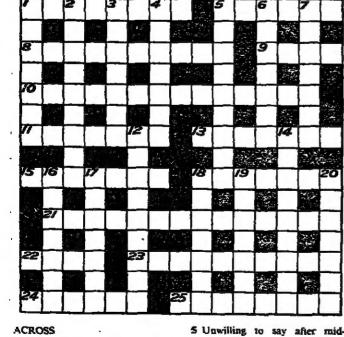
section, walled consular groups of British residents vere sitting on benches waiting for advice on their future. The Marine outside was quite frank about his opinions. He stood by the sea, the waves breaking over the front but the guns of the New Jersey still clearly audible. "It's finished."

Today's events

Royal engagements
The Duke of Edinburgh selects the Duke of Edinburgh's Designer's Prize at the Design Council, Haymarket, SWI, 11.30; and later. as Coloncl-in-Chief of the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, attends a presentation by Engineering and subsequently diner with the Fellowship at the Insti-tution of Civil Engineers, Great George Street, SW1, 5.25. Queen Elizabeth the Queen

George Street, SW1, 5,25,
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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16.350



- you can see (8).
- clamour (14).
- heart (7).
- 15 The last sort of secrecy (7). 18 Trying hard to leave film about
- a con trick (7).
- 22 A fuss about nothing, girl (2-2).
- instrument (10).
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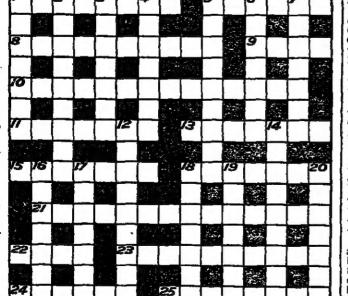
- 1 By way of a Channel bridge (7). 2 Sluggish sea, perhaps, to go to one's bunk in (9).
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Music

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Raku pottery; Walsall Museum and Art Gallery, Lichfield Street, Walsall; open Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 4.45, closed Sun (ends Feb



winter (9).

bloomer (7).

6 What one should do about key,

that's Thomas's speciality (7).

12 Outdated, he meant to reform

17 An upset for me, a certain

18 Henceforth I'm blessed if I'll

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Solution of Puzzle No 16,349

7 Beginning a book (7).

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- 1 A few. in general, headed off, as
- 5 Dye one doing wrong (6). 8 Binding with a cord a speciality
- 9 Turn a plane isto a building (4). 14 Original sort of number, without 10 A pursuer is soon shaken off by its being over four (9) 16 Mishit a ball over its target. 11 Ship's engineers, after Patrick's Excellent! (3-4).
- 13 Nymph's song (7).
- provide such handy protection 21 Calvanistic doctrine throws ten 19 Model's about the right height into despair (14). (7). 20 Shooting a chap outside, one
- 23 The drum in point is a musical
- 25 ... badly cut, see (8).

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Stardust Quartet, Market Bosworth Church, Market Bosworth, Leices-

Birgit Skiold, prints; David Howard-Jones, raku, Clive King, paintings; Tim Ayers, pewier, Oxford Gallery, 23 High Street, Oxford; Mon to Sat 10 to 5 closed Sun (ends March 7).

"The Masterful Miss Gere" an exhibition of work of Margaret Gere, Cheltenham Art Gallery, Clarence Street, Cheltenham; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, closed Sun (ends March 3).

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on Hennessy report on security at the Maze Prison.

Lords (3): Telecommunications Bill, Committee, first day, Fishing Vessels (Financial Assistance)

East Africa flights

Kenya Airways and Air Tanzania are to start inter-state flights on March I, with each airline operating two flights a week to the other country's capital. Fares are still being worked out. Kenya Airways flights to Dar es Salaam will go via Mombasa also many Tanzanians have relatives and businesses there. Direct airlinks between the two countries were severed in 1977 after the collapse of the East African Community, which used to group Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

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West Walton between Kings Lynn and Wisbech, Norfolk, A47: Traffic A134: Delays at Sudbury due to

with lights between Meigle and Coupar, Angus, A7: Single lane traffic and lights at Canobie by-pass.

Dumfries, turning restrictions to/from Whitesands.

The AA said that in the
Midlands, scores of roads were
closed, including several major
routes and local authorities were at
full stretch to keep them clear.
Although Scotland escaped the
gales, a spokesman said "We've had
strong winds for the last couple days
which meant there was no hope of
clearing the roads of snow. But
hopefully work will now be more
successful. Our main problem now
is black ice which continues to make
many routes treacherous or impass-

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	Buys	Sell
Australia S	1.61	1.5
Austria Sch	28.65	27.0
Belgium Fr	84.50	80.50
Canada \$	1.82	1.75
Denmark Kr	14.68	13.9
Finland Mkt	8.67	8.7
France Fr	12.30	11.80
Germany DM	4.02	3.8
Greece Dr	160.00	150.00
Hongkong \$	11.35	10.7
Ireland Pt	1.31	1.79
Italy Lira	2460.00	
Japan Yen	346.00	330.00
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USA \$	1.46	1.41

A Traveller in Rome, by H. V. Morton (Metruen, 25.95)
Gladstone, Volume I, 1809-1885, by Richard Shannon (Methuen, 28.95)
Keats and Embarrasament, by Christopher Ricks (Oxford, 24.95)
Lucis in London, & Queen Lucie, by E. F. Benson (Black Swan, 52.95 each)
Nellie, Letters from Africa, by Elspeth Huxley (Wedenfield & Nicolson, £4.95)
Recollections of Wittgenstein, edited by Rush Rhese (Oxford, £3.95)
Sertre, by Peter Caws (Roulladge & Kegan Paul, £8.95)
Scoundrel Time, by Lilliam Heliman (Quartet, £1.95)

The English Country House, by Olive Cook, photographs by A. F. Kersting (Thames & Hudson, £4.95)
The Busionist (novel), by Anita Mason (Abecus, £1.95)
War Music, by Christopher Logue (Perguin, £2.50)

Wales and West: M5: North and

in Milderton Road, Trowbridge, temporary signals. Midlands: A47: Traffic signals at

North: A689: Temporary lights at Cowshill Bridge, on Durham, A534: Single lane traffic and lights in Crewe Road, Winterley, Sandbach,

A75: One lane traffic in each direction at Buceleuch Street Bridge, Dumfries, turning restrictions to/f-

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on: The FT Index closed up 5.3

An anticyclone to SW of the British Isles will maintain a ridge of high pressure with a

to justify what it is county, but the once provided a supremely good service to its customers is taking yet another step down the path of redirector." newspapers in the United States are in agreement that the redeployment of US Marines in Beirut constitutes Moon rise 12.01 am First Quarter

The New York Times said Mr Reagan's decision was "the first time the Administration has been forced to reverse itself in a key forcign policy area." It added that Mr Reagan's discomfort was evident from his decision not to mnounce the redeployment him-

TheDaily Mirror highlights as

apparent contradiction in Mrs

Government believes in small

ment wants it to cut costs. Sub-pos

The Washington Post deplored "a policy that kept changing with circumstances, adapting badly to political pressures at home and to the deterioration of the central government in Beirut."

Anniversaries

Births: William Henry Harrison, ainth President of the USA died Lowell, poet, Brookline, Mass, 1874

forecast

62m to midnight

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Sun sets: 5.03 pm

Yesterday

London

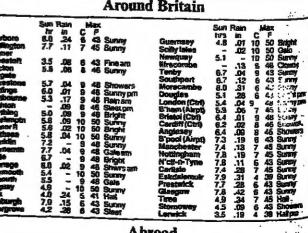
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Sey: Highest day tenso: Jersey 110 Owest day mace Avitanore, Eakdalemotr, 18 and Gallowery 3C (377); Nightest Glasgow 0.42kg, highest sunghine: Imbe, Scarborough 8.0kr. © TIMES NEWSPAPERS LII 1984. Printed and published by Newspapers. Limited, P.O. Box Gray's Inn Road, London, WCI; England. Telephone: 01-837, 1234, 264971. "Thursday; February 9. Registered as a newspaper at the Pool

NOON TODAY High tides

b-blue sky; bo-blue sky and cloud; o o-overcast; f-tog: d-drizzie; h-hai; f-rait; 3-enous th-fluodesserve; h-sh

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nard Schles: Home News Overseas 5.6.1 Apple Arts Business

East Anglia, E. NE England, Borden Edinbergh, Dundee, Aberdeen, central rightends, Moray Firth, NE Scotlant Orkney, Shetland: Sunny Intervals scattered wintry showers; what M fresh; max temp 4c or 5c (39-417). announcement that it is planning to close up to 1,000 sub-post offices. "Small businesses", the Prime Minister went on, put the customer first; absolutely right", the paper comments. "The local street-corner sub-post office is the classic example of the small business which does exactly that. It is the place to buy stamps, collect a pension and get the groceries all at once. But the Post Office is closing 1,000 of them because Mrs Thatcher's Govern

offices are a boon to countless thousands of people, especially the elderly. The Post Office is producing SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind NW strong decreasing moderate, sea very rough decreasing moderate. St George's Channel, frish Sea: Wind NW backing SW moderate or freeh; sea slight or moderate. the predictable excuses about new technology, computers and the rest to justify what it is doing. But the

a foreign policy failure for the Administration of President Reagan. "A stunning defeat and a haunting reminder of the Carter Administration's failure in Iran," Lighting-up time ras the Wall Street Journal

after one month in office. April 1841). Charles City County, Virginia. 1773: Edward Carsun, Baron Carson of Duncairn, politician and opponent of Home Rule for Ireland, Dublin, 1854; Mrs Patrick Campbell, actress, London 1865. Ann Alban Berg, composer, Vicana 1885. Deaths: Sir Traby King pioneer of Mothercraft, Wellington, New Zealand, 1938; Norman Douglas, novelist (South Wind), Capri, 1952.

Weather

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London, SE, central S, SW, NW, central N England, E, W Midlands, Channel Islands, S, M Wales, Lake District, Isla of Mass, SW Scotland, Glasgow: Sunny pariods, isolated showers dying out; wind NW; moderate, max temp 5c to 7c (41-45f).

Argyll, NW Scotland, Northern Ireland: Sunny period at first, becoming cloudy with a little rain in places later; wind NW, light, backing SW; max temp 5c or 6c (41–43F).

Highest and lowest

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